

# TOWN *Report*

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Merrimac, Massachusetts







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We can better coordinate the preparation of all students entering the Junior High.

## **What do we get?**

We will receive approximately one million dollars in new state aid, *some of which can be used to reduce the tax rate*. This additional aid has been provided by the state for over thirty years to encourage towns to pool their resources to guarantee more comprehensive and efficient school programs.



## **Where will this money go?**

All state aid is distributed according to the location of the students. In our district half will go to the elementary schools and half will go to the Junior High and High Schools.

## **What will the increased aid be used for?**

When regionalization passes, the new school committee will plan the use of the increased aid which will be available July 1, 1985. We will have a year to develop priorities and plans. We anticipate that the new aid will be used to recover some of our losses, improve facilities and equipment, and address the demands of parents for programs for gifted and talented students, elementary school foreign languages, adequate business and computer training for employment, and new sports programs including soccer and hockey for which there is a great demand from parents in all three communities.

## **Are there strings attached?**

Yes, one. The state requires that we have one school committee which means neighbors will share the responsibility for the elementary schools as they have for the secondary schools for over twenty years.

## **Will we lose our ability to have unique programs at the elementary schools?**

No. In fact, this will improve because there is so little money now. Furthermore, the District committee can approve and fund programs that differ among the towns, and any town can fund unique programs beyond district funding if it chooses.

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No. The regional school contract requires that elementary school children go to school in their town. This can only be changed by annual town meeting vote of all three towns.

## **Will towns be forced to pick up the excess costs of the other towns?**

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Furthermore, there will be a proposal to form a standing committee of school and finance committee representatives to address school/town fiscal issues including the intent to find ways to reduce assessments.

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## What is the record on regionalization state wide?

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# IN MEMORIAM

to those  
WHO HAVE HELD A PUBLIC OFFICE  
in the  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

George R. Buzzell,  
Fire Chief

Grace F. Gibbs,  
Town Clerk

Michael J. McLaughlin,  
Board of Registrars

# DIRECTORY OF ELECTED OFFICERS

**Moderator**  
H. Parker McLaren

## **Board of Selectmen**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Nancy C. MacGregor, Chairman | term expires 1984 |
| George A. Waterhouse         | 1985              |
| George J. P. Stevens         | 1986              |

**Town Treasurer**  
Geraldine A. Wallace

**Tax Collector**  
Wilfred G. Journeyay

## **Board of Assessors**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Edward R. Davis, Chairman | term expires 1985 |
| George Mutti              | 1984              |
| Edmund L. Hamel           | 1986              |

## **Planning Board**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Harrington, Chairman | term expires 1988 |
| A. Bruce MacGregor          | 1984              |
| Robert A. Becker            | 1987              |
| Arthur D. Evans             | 1985              |
| Evelyn Greeley, Secretary   | 1986              |

## **Constables**

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Arthur D. Evans   | term expires 1986 |
| Brian Peavey      | 1986              |
| Roland L. Spinney | 1986              |

**Tree Warden**  
John A. Williams, III

## **Board of Health**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Constance A. Hoyt, Chairman | term expires 1985 |
| Jane Rines, appointed       | 1986              |
| Arthur Hoyt, appointed      | 1984              |



### **School Committee**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Barbara Warden, Chairman | term expires 1986 |
| Mark Welch               | 1984              |
| Diane Jordan, res'd      | 1984              |
| Karin Beaupre            | 1985              |
| Victoria Haggstrom       | 1986              |

### **Trustees of Public Library**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| William Dwyer        | term expires 1984 |
| Jeffrey W. Hoyt      | 1986              |
| John M. Cryan        | 1984              |
| E. Elizabeth Pittman | 1986              |
| Nanette P. Becker    | 1985              |

### **Playground Commission**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Wayne Bickford       | term expires 1988 |
| Leon B. Smith        | 1984              |
| Mary E. Parry        | 1986              |
| John H. Willman      | 1987              |
| Daniel Gulezian, Jr. | 1985              |

### **Municipal Light Commissioners**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lawrence Hardy   | term expires 1984 |
| Wilbur Wallace   | 1986              |
| Robert J. Sayers | 1985              |

### **Cemetery Trustees**

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Merrill Smith, res'd 10/83  | term expires 1986 |
| Alva W. Clark               | 1985              |
| Harold R. Arbour, Chairman  | 1984              |
| Richard Fournier, appointed | 1984              |

### **Sewer Commissioners**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert L. Spinney       | term expires 1985 |
| Everett L. Cossar       | 1984              |
| Gordon Rines, Appointed | 1986              |

### **Merrimac Housing Authority**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Betty Ann Matanis, Vice Chairman | term expires 1985 |
| William D. Vance                 | 1988              |
| Barbara J. Arbour                | 1986              |
| Virginia Raynes                  | 1987              |

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Finance Committee

Rodger Morphett, Chairman

John Dunn  
Harry Bowen

Ronald Jordan  
Gale Noble

Board of Appeals

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Andrew Downey, Chairman | term expires 1986 |
| Ellan Evans             | 1984              |
| William Meins           | 1985              |
| Kathleen Dwyer          | 1985              |
| Robert Sayers           | 1984              |
| Richard Herbert         | 1986              |

Associate Members Board of Appeals

William Dow, res'd 6/83  
Arthur Deuplisea  
Secretary - Eileen Herlihy

Selectmen's Secretary

Sylvia L. Cypher

Town Accountant

David Hitchcock

Board of Registrars

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Russell Smith  | term expires 1984 |
| Nancy Stevens  | 1984              |
| Evelyn Greeley | 1984              |

Town Counsel

Ashod N. Amirian

Town Hall Janitor

Madeline Lay

# **Police Department Appointments**

## **Chief**

Donald J. Montigny, retired 4/25/83

James A. Flynn, Jr. 1/25/83

## **Permanent - Full-Time Police Officers**

David J. Vance

Richard D. Smith

Roland L. Spinney

## **Special Police Officers**

Edward A. Cardone, Jr.

Kenneth Dow

Brian W. Peavey

Arthur Evans

James M. Seymour

Debora Lavalley

Nolan Shaw

Richard G. Noone

Edward Syvinski

## **Full-Time Dispatcher**

Linda A. Seymour

## **Full-Time Dispatchers**

Marilyn Darbe

Catherine Hitchcock

Kenneth Dow

Nolan Shaw

## **Part-Time Dispatchers**

Kathy Foucher

Virginia Heath

Debora Lavalley

Roseanne Ryerson-Meuse

Betty Ann Matanis

## **Matrons**

Marilyn Darbe

Betty Ann Matanis

Virginia P. Heath

## **Reserve Police Matrons & Crossing Guard**

Rachel L. Adams

## **Honorary Police Chiefs**

Alexander M. Sullivan

Maurice Carey

## **Honorary Police Officers**

George R. Buzzell, des'd 2/83

Frank Danforth

Thomas Chaff

Fred A. Smith



### **Miscellaneous Special Police**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kenneth W. Batchelder, Jr. | Donaghue School            |
|                            | Red Oak School             |
| Albert W. Lord             | Economy Co-operative Bank  |
| John Gilchrist             | Grange Hall                |
| Alfred C. Wright           | Sanitary landfill Only     |
| John R. Miniham            | Honorary Police Dispatcher |
| Francis Noone              | Highway Department         |
| Vernon Fisher              | Highway Department         |
| Gordon Rines               | Highway Department         |

### **Dog Officer**

Vern Fisher

### **Crossing Guards**

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Lotti Gouthier    | Gale P. Keohane        |
| Charles A. Griggs | Joyce Nevins - fill-in |
| Margaret Gynan    | Leslie J. Walker       |

### **Fire Department Engineers**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Harold J. Hume    | Wallace P. Spencer |
| Richard J. Powers |                    |

### **Forest Fire Warden**

Richard J. Powers

### **Inspector of Gas**

Richard Pearson

### **Inspector of Wiring**

Roy Keiser

### **Inspector of Buildings**

Arthur Deuplisea

### **Inspector of Sewerage Disposal Systems**

Scott Dickinson, appointed 1/84

John Campabasso, res'd

### **Inspector of Plumbing**

Gaetano T. Caruso

**Inspector of Milk**

Edward F. Ryan

**Inspector of Animals**

George Hoyt

**Inspector of Food Services**

Edward F. Ryan

**Health Nurse**

Charlotte Eileen Stepanian

**Secretary to the Board of Health**

Terri Walden

**Secretary to the Sewer Commissioners**

Carolyn Kelly

**Fence Viewer**

Walter Perkins

**Director of Civil Defense**

James E. Smith, res'd

Robert Paris, appointed 1/84

**Assistant Radiological Officer**

Raymond Bastarache

**Assistant Communications Officer**

Raymond Ouellette

**Superintendent of Street**

Francis Noone

**Veterans' Service and Grave Officer**

**Veteran's Agent and Burial Agent**

Eugene Kelleher

**Sworn Weighers**

George A. Waterhouse

Robert Stevenson

Ralph L. Buzzell

Paul Hajjar

### **Conservation Commission**

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Allan L. Pollock, Chairman | term expires 1985 |
| Walter S. Perkins          | 1984              |
| Nathan Tufts               | 1984              |
| Ronald Shaw                | 1985              |
| Robert Topitzer            | 1985              |
| Alan Dustin                | 1986              |
| Bruce D. Evans             | 1986              |

### **Council on Aging**

Kathleen Gorman, Director

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Gerri-Lou Potter, Chairman    | 1984  |
| Inez Lund                     | 1984  |
| Geraldine Raper               | 12/83 |
| Burnell O'Brien               | 1986  |
| Lillian Boucher, res'd 6/83   | 1985  |
| Dorothy Doughty               | 1986  |
| Evelyn Morrill                | 1984  |
| Genevieve Smithson            | 1986  |
| Elizabeth Sampson, res'd 6/83 | 1986  |
| Karen Zacharis                | 1987  |
| Ruth Shaw                     | 1985  |
| Alfred Roy                    | 1986  |
| Charles Kuzminski             | 1986  |

### **Election Officers**

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Rachel L. Adams       | Genevieve M. Lay   |
| Mary C. Cheney        | Barbara E. MacLeod |
| Grace L. Clark        | Virginia Pierce    |
| Lucy Durant           | Harriette B. Smith |
| Evelyn M. Greeley     | Sadie E. Spencer   |
| Carole A. Guertin     | Charlotte Soucy    |
| Mildred F. Harrington | Evelyn B. Morrill  |

### **Trustees of Kimball Park**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Charlie O. Haynes | Allen Wilson |
|-------------------|--------------|

### **Surveyors of Lumber & Measurer of Wood and Bark**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Richard Vigneault | Arthur Benjamin |
|-------------------|-----------------|



**Merrimac Historical Committee**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Frederick N. Sweetsir | term expires 1984 |
| Jeffrey Hoyt          | 1984              |
| Kenneth G. Fowle      | 1984              |
| Elizabeth S. Emery    | 1984              |
| Walter Calnan         | 1984              |
| Evelyn Calnan         | 1984              |
| Charlotte McCarron    | 1984              |

**Selectmen's Representative Museum Committee**

George A. Waterhouse

**Merrimac Beautification Committee**

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Nathan Tufts, Jr. | Ellsworth D. Commings, Jr. |
|                   | Nancy Perkins              |

**Merrimac Arts Council**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Marilyn Randall  | Karen Franson  |
| Lillian Burgener | Karen Zacharis |
| Terri Walden     | Peg Topitzer   |

**Selectmen's Designee**

**Regional Transit Authority & MVPC Representative**

Arthur D. Evans

**MVPC Alternate**

Richard Waterhouse

**Selectmen's Designee**

**Merrimac Valley Transportation Policy**

**Advisory Group [TPAG]**

**Library**

Stephanie Marro, Head Librarian

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Edna Macey    | Frances Foss   |
| Brenda Peavey | Cecile Buckles |

**Town Forest Committee**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Walter Perkins  | Ruth Parker    |
| Robert Topitzer | George Wallace |

**WARRANT  
for  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

ESSEX, ss

To Brian Peavey, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on March 5, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town of Merrimac will vote to petition the great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Special Legislation enabling the Town of Merrimac to amend its code for the purpose of controlling rents and evictions in mobile parks. Such Legislation shall read as follows:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF RENT REGULATIONS AND THE CONTROL OF EVICTIONS IN MOBILE HOME PARK ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Emergency.** The General court finds and declares that a serious public emergency exist with respect to the housing of a substantial number of citizens in the town of Merrimac, which emergency has been created by excessive abnormally high and unwarranted rental increases imposed by some owners of mobile parks located therein; that unless mobile home parks rents and eviction of tenants are regulated and controlled, such emergency will produce serious threats to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of said town, particularly the elderly; that such emergency should be met by the Commonwealth immediately and with due regard for the rights and responsibilities of the town of Merrimac.



**SECTION 2. General Powers.** The town of Merrimac may, by its by-laws, regulate rents for the use or occupancy of mobile home park accommodations in said town, establish a rent board for the purpose of regulating rents, minimum standards for the use or occupancy of mobile home park accommodations and evictions of tenants therefrom and may, by its by-laws, require registration by owners of mobile home park accommodations, under penalty or perjury, of information relating to the mobile home park accommodations, under penalty of perjury, of information relating to the mobile home park accommodations. Such rents, standards and evictions may be regulated by the rent board so as to remove hardships or correct inequities for both the owner and the tenants of such mobile home park accommodations. Said rent board shall have all powers necessary or convenient to perform its functions, may make rules and regulations, require registration by owners of mobile home park accommodations, under penalty of perjury, of information relating to the mobile home park accommodations, sue and be sued, compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers and information, and issue appropriate orders which shall be binding on both the owner and tenants of such mobile home park accommodations. Violations of any by-laws adopted pursuant to this act or order of said rent board shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for any one offense.

**SECTION 3. Standard for Adjusting Rents.** (a) In regulating rents, for such mobile home parks accommodations, the rent board established under section one may make such individual or general adjustments, either upward or downward, as may be necessary to assure that rents for the mobile home park accommodations in said town are established at levels which yield to owners a fair net operating income for such units. (b) Said town in its by-laws or said rent board by regulation may establish further standards and rules consistent with this act.

**SECTION 4. Incorporation of Administration Procedure Act.** The provision of Chapter thirty A of the General Laws shall be applicable to the rent board, established under section one, as if said rent board were an agency of the Commonwealth, including those provisions giving agencies the powers to issue, vacate, modify and enforce subpoenas and those provisions relating to judicial review of an agency order.



**SECTION 5. Conference of Jurisdiction.** (a) The District Court Department shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the Superior Court, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to section fourteen of Chapter thirty A of the General Laws. (b) The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this act and any by-laws adopted thereunder and may restrain violations thereof.

**SECTION 6. Defense to Summary Process for Procession.** The town of Merrimac may by its by-laws regulate the eviction of tenants and the rent board, established under section one, may issue orders which shall be a defense to an action of summary process for possession and such orders shall be reviewable pursuant to section two and three.

**SECTION 7. Exemption from Civil Service.** The personnel of the rent board established under section one shall not be subject to the provisions of Section nine A of Chapter thirty of the General Laws.

**SECTION 8. Severability.** If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the development of a program for the revaluation of the Town of Merrimac for Fiscal 1986 by a professional revaluation firm to be presented to the Department of Revenue; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**TABLED**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount of \$8,901.51 representing insurance proceeds received from Traveler's Insurance Company for damages to the Attitash (E. Main Street) Pump Station; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**PASSED**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay F. H. Sands & Sons, Inc. for tires purchased by the Police Department in May of 1983; or take any other action.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the recommendations of the Boiler Review Committee, and further to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for equipment to upgrade and increase the efficiency of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to pay the salary of the new Sanitary Agent for the remaining fiscal year 84; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February 1984.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR, Chairman  
GEORGE P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE A true copy attest:

Brian W. Peavey  
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 17th day of February, 1984 in the following three places:

1. Marcia's Market
2. Cozy Cleaners
3. Town Hall

**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 1983**

**SENATOR in General Court**

| <b>Democrat</b>                                       | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Howard Camuso, Jr. - 35 Sunset Avenue, Methuen        | 4                   |
| Nicholas J. Costello - Whitehall Road, Amesbury       | 148                 |
| Mark S. DiSalvo - 91 Beverly Street, North Andover    | 21                  |
| Marjorie E. Goudreault - 561 Amesbury Road, Haverhill | 43                  |
| Robert J. LeBlanc - 18 Cherry Hill Circle, Methuen    | 3                   |
| Thomas A. Leone - 945 Riverside Drive, 30A, Methuen   | 2                   |
| Blanks                                                | 2                   |

| <b>Republican</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Byron Matthews    | 76                  |
| Blanks            | 16                  |

**WARRANT**  
**for**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

ESSEX, ss

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on May 2, 1983 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening and act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for legal expenses for the Conservation Commission for the closing costs of the Cyr property on Board Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**



ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for preliminary engineering costs relative to the heating system at the helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay the court judgement on land taking; or take any other action relative thereto.  
PASSED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay the unpaid balance of oil heat for municipal buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.  
TABLED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to purchase air mask conversion to conform to state requirements for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.  
PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay interest on maturing debt regarding the overdraft of the Sewer Project Bond #2; or take any other action relative thereto.  
PASSED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay interest on Tax Anticipation Notes; or take any other action relative thereto.  
PASSED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Project #2 (Roof Replacement) to Water Project #1 (1980) a sum of money to cover overrun on engineering cost and further to close out Water Project #2 by transferring to surplus the remaining funds; or take any other action relative thereto.  
PASSED

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for all necessary articles, expenses and wages needed by the new patrolman; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for a Special's wages through June 30, 1983 to cover the period the new patrolman is in school during fiscal 1983; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

Given under our hands this eleventh day of April, 1983.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR  
GEORGE P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE

**VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION  
May 9, 1983**

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MODERATOR, for one year</b>        | <b>Vote for One</b> |
| H. Parker McLaren, 28 S. Pleasant St. | 267                 |
| Blanks                                | 31                  |

|                                           |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>SELECTMEN, for three years</b>         | <b>Vote for One</b> |
| George J. P. Stevens, 10 Birch Meadow Rd. | 240                 |
| William Vance                             | 1                   |
| Bernard Russell                           | 1                   |
| Blanks                                    | 56                  |

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TOWN TREASURER, for one year</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
| Geraldine A. Wallace, North St.     | 242                 |
| Blanks                              | 56                  |

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TOWN CLERK, for one year</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
| Madeleine A. Lay, 66 School St. | 241                 |
| Linda Graber                    | 1                   |
| Blanks                          | 56                  |

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSESSOR, for three years</b>   | <b>Vote for One</b> |
| Edmond L. Hamel, 107 East Main St. | 247                 |
| Blanks                             | 51                  |

| <b>PLANNING BOARD, for five years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Robert A. Harrington, 4 Bancroft Lane | 254                 |
| Blanks                                | 44                  |

| <b>PLANNING BOARD, for three years<br/>to fill vacancy</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Linda Graber                                               | 1                   |
| Richard F. Gosselin                                        | 9                   |
| Richard E. Gilmore                                         | 2                   |
| Clifton Judson                                             | 1                   |
| Richard Waterhouse                                         | 1                   |

| <b>BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Walter B. Calnan                        | 1                   |
| Paul A. Theriault                       | 1                   |
| Robert Roy                              | 1                   |
| Jane Rines                              | 2                   |
| George Mailman                          | 2                   |
| William Dow                             | 2                   |
| Judith Silvia                           | 1                   |
| Eileen Stepanian                        | 1                   |
| Terry Walden                            | 1                   |
| Andrew Downey                           | 2                   |
| George Lay                              | 1                   |
| Daniel Gulezian                         | 2                   |
| William Raper                           | 1                   |

| <b>CONSTABLE, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for not<br/>more than three</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Arthur D. Evans, 14 Nichols St.   | 200                                     |
| Brian W. Peavey, 25 Winter St.    | 240                                     |
| Roland L. Spinney, 34 Summer St.  | 203                                     |
| Blanks                            | 251                                     |

| <b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for not<br/>more than two</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Victoria G. Haggstrom, 33 Red Oak Acres  | 159                                   |
| Barbara I. Warden, 5 Merrimac St.        | 162                                   |
| Elizabeth Chandler, 19 East Main St.     | 16                                    |
| Cora J. San Cartier, 25 School St.       | 57                                    |
| Paul A. Theriault, 38 Winter St.         | 129                                   |
| Blanks                                   | 73                                    |



| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for one year<br/>to fill vacancy</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| William G. Dwyer, 15 Middle Rd.                          | 186                 |
| Mardell Gitchel, 36 Woodland St.                         | 68                  |
| Blanks                                                   | 44                  |

| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for not<br/>more than two</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jeffrey W. Hoyt, 74 Birch Meadow Rd.    | 248                                   |
| Elizabeth T. Pittman, 49 West Main St.  | 221                                   |
| Blanks                                  | 127                                   |

| <b>PLAYGROUND COMMISSION,<br/>for five years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wayne D. Bickford, 4 Bear Hill Rd.               | 236                 |
| Dennis Christie                                  | 1                   |
| Blanks                                           | 61                  |

| <b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Merrill B. Smith, 37 East Main St.       | 251                 |
| Gordon Rines                             | 2                   |
| Blanks                                   | 45                  |

| <b>LIGHT COMMISSIONER, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wilbur E. Wallace, North St.               | 233                 |
| Gordon Rines                               | 1                   |
| Blanks                                     | 64                  |

| <b>WATER COMMISSIONER, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wilbur E. Wallace, North St.               | 231                 |
| Gordon Rines                               | 1                   |
| Blanks                                     | 66                  |

| <b>SEWER COMMISSIONERS, for three years</b> | <b>Vote for One</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Raymond Walton                              | 1                   |
| William Raper                               | 1                   |
| John Sloban                                 | 1                   |
| Gordon Rines                                | 1                   |
| Margaret Casazza                            | 1                   |
| Wilbur Wallace                              | 1                   |
| Harry Bowen                                 | 1                   |
| Richard Pearson                             | 1                   |

**WARRANT  
for  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Meeting was continued until June 7, 1983**

ESSEX, ss

To Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on May 2, 1983 immediately following the Special Town Meeting to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 198 as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, Three Sewer Commissioners, and raise, appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised or transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 1983 and make appropriations for the same, said sums of money so raised, appropriated or transferred to be expended for specific purposes to be voted; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1983, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED



ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating Balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1983; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery Lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Turstees for the "Care, Improvement, and Embellishment" of said Cemeteries, according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 14 and Section 25; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer dog license fees collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1983, to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 172; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 "An Act Providing State Aid for Free Public Libraries"; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to perform duties and incur expenses relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Board of Assessor to hire themselves at the rate of \$4.00 per hour and to hire such other necessary assistance as the Board of Assessors may deem necessary or convenient; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for construction, reconstruction, and resurfacing of local streets as allowed under Chapter 90; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED



ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for oiling roads; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to purchase a new pickup truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the old pick up truck towards the cost of said new pick up truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary landfill or fiscal year 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay Haley & Ward Engineering Company for services of supervision and inspection of sanitary landfill through June 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to purchase a sewer rod machine to be used and maintained by the Highway and Sewer Departments; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay for consulting services; legal and otherwise to the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to repair the Fire Department's ladder engine; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for final engineering cost and for replacement of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for a computer company to automate the motor vehicle moving violations; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for computer expenses necessitated by the certification and revaluation process for the Board of Assessors; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for resurfacing Town Tennis Courts and repair existing chain link fence for the Playground Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend it's Zoning By-Law along Board Street as described below to residential:

An area beginning at the Northerly side of I495, 200 feet East of Board Street proceeding Northerly on a line parallel to and 200 feet from Board Street to a point 100 feet East of Mill Street. Proceeding northerly along a line parallel to and 100 feet from Mill Street to Route 110 to Broad Street. Thereupon proceeding Southerly along the East side of Broad Street to Milk Street.

or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED



ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for interest on Temporary borrowing for the sewerage project for fiscal year 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to rescind \$1,500.00 of the loan authorized on the Special Article #14 at the Town Meeting dated May 19, 1979; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 (Financial Affairs) Section 10 to add the following: That all employees excluding those covered by a collective bargaining agreement must give advance notice of not less than ten (10) working days of their intention to terminate employment with the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for any increases for dispatchers for fiscal year 1984 negotiated in new contract; or take any other action relative thereto.

TABLED

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay any increases negotiated for fiscal year 1984 in Municipal Employees contract; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be held aside to provide matching funds for upcoming State or Federal Grants for Energy Conservation Audits, or programs, to be applied to the Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept 527 CMR 24.00, concerning automatic smoke and heat detectors in occupancies under M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26C which states:



In any city or town which accepts this section: Apartment houses containing six or more dwelling units, hotels, boarding or lodigng houses, or family hotels which are not regulated by Ss 26A and 26B shall be equipped with an automatic smoke or heat detector in each dwelling unit and each hallway floor.

or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a Special Officer wages while the new patrolman is in the training school; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for computer costs for processing excise tax bills and for computer costs for processing payroll; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessor to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1983; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to retain \$14,925.38 of "FREE CASH" certified July 1, 1982, under the provision of Section 12 (a) of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED

Given under our hands this eleventh day of April 1983.

NANCY MacGREGOR  
GEORGE STEVENS  
GEORGE WATERHOUSE  
Selectmen

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Special Elections to vote at the

## RED OAK SCHOOL

on Monday, the TWENTY-FOURTH OF OCTOBER, 1983 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

1. Shall the Town of Merrimac be allowed to assess an additional \$67,049. in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and eighty three?

Yes 97

No 458

2. Shall the Town of Merrimac be allowed to assess an additional \$37,864 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and eighty three?

Yes 118

No 436

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of October, A.D. 1983.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR

GEORGE P. STEVENS

GEORGE E. WATERHOUSE

A true copy attest:

Constable

October ..., 1983

Posted this                      day of October, 1983 in the following three  
places:

1. Town Hall
2. Cozy Cleaners
3. Marcia's Market

# WARRANT for SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss

To Brian Peavey, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on October 26, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I by reducing or paying by transfer of available funds items previously appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of June 7, 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED - CUTS AS FOLLOWS:

|     |    |            |     |     |            |
|-----|----|------------|-----|-----|------------|
| L/I | 5  | (360)      | L/I | 89  | (490)      |
| L/I | 7  | (100)      | L/I | 90  | (490)      |
| L/I | 45 | (560)      | L/I | 92  | (560)      |
| L/I | 46 | (490)      | L/I | 93  | (1,342.46) |
| L/I | 51 | (1,466.43) | L/I | 115 | (1,566)    |
| L/I | 54 | (357.07)   | L/I | 117 | (2,200)    |
| L/I | 83 | (2,450)    | L/I | 138 | (30,000)   |
| L/I | 85 | (700)      |     |     |            |



ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 21 by paying the interest on temporary borrowing for the sewage project for Fiscal 1984 by a transfer from Revenue Sharing funds rather than by the appropriation voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 7, 1983; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use the Free Cash Certified, as of July 1, 1983, toward the reduction of the 1984 tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the replacement of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

PASSED.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of october 1983.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR  
GEORGE P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE

Brian W. Peavey  
A true copy attest:

Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to be directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for purpose therein expressed.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

On January 24, 1983 the Board of Selectmen received a request that they appoint a member to represent Merrimac on the Regionalization Amendment Committee. This committee will begin studying the pros and cons of full regionalization of the elementary schools with the Pentucket Regional. George Stevens expressed an interest and it was voted unanimously to appoint him. Several members of the Board went to the first two meetings at the Page School and it quickly became apparent that there were many divergent views. Everyone agreed a great deal more time and information would be needed before a consensus would be reached.

Throughout the months of January, February and March, the Chairman represented the Town on the Essex County Retirement Board. For the second year the Advisory Board was successful in holding the county to a level funded budget thus assuring that Merrimac's assessment would remain at last year's figure.

For the first time the Merrimac Regional Transportation Authority set up a beach run for the summer months, and Merrimac agreed to participate. If the number of users warrants it the service will become permanent.

The Merrimac Art's Council met several times with the Board to inform them of their plans for Old Home Day. It was held in the summer and was enormously successful and enjoyed by everyone.

In the spring Chief Montigny resigned and James Flynn was appointed acting Chief of Police.

In August the Board received the bad news from the Assessors and the Accountant that there was a serious error in the figures given to the Finance Committee and the Selectmen stating the amount the town could appropriate at town meeting. This error resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$260,000. This figure was later adjusted to about \$246,000. The Board directed the Town Accountant to meet immediately with the MA Department of Revenue to review the entire situation, and to get recommendations regarding solutions. As a result, it was recommended that the town try for an override of proposition 2½. If that did not pass, that the board use the sewer betterments already collected to reduce the



shortfall, combined with further cuts in budgets at a special town meeting. The override failed and the deficit was reduced at a special town meeting on October 26, 1983 and by the use of the sewer betterments.

In the summer, the Board met with the Civil Defense Director, James Smith, along with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Board of Health chairman, Light & Water manager, and school representatives to review the Seabrook Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Smith worked very hard through the year with Civil Defense and the Engineering people from Seabrook to try to complete the plans. Mr. Smith held a public hearing in November, and then met with the Selectmen for a final review of the draft. At this meeting, a turn out of citizens with questions continued to press for explanations of certain areas. Mr. Smith felt he had done all he could, and submitted his resignation. In December a citizens group again met with the Selectmen to further scrutinize the plan. Representatives from Civil Defense took note of all questions still unresolved and agree to pursue the answers and to get back to the Selectmen.

It was a busy financially difficult year for the town. It is hoped, and with some confidence that after July 1, 1984, the financial problems will begin to ease, and even that the sewer project will finally be fully completed.

The Selectmen wish to thank all those who have given of their time and efforts over the past year.

Respectfully,  
NANCY C. MacGREGOR, Chairman  
GEORGE J. P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE



# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws.

I express my appreciation of the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID HITCHCOCK  
Town Accountant

TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
FINAL TRIAL BALANCE

Period Ending June 30, 1983

| Accounts                             | Debits      | Credits    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Cash                                 | 293,036.38  |            |
| Special Cash Revenue Sharing Title I | 94,085.52   |            |
| Cash Light Depreciation              | 190,609.31  |            |
| Petty Cash Advance                   | 185.00      |            |
| Unappropriated Revenue Sharing Funds |             | 11,103.48  |
| Taxes:                               |             |            |
| Personal 1983                        | 1,251.14    |            |
| Personal 1982                        | 544.30      |            |
| Personal 1981                        | 314.30      |            |
| Personal 1980                        | 282.87      |            |
| Personal 1979                        | 201.25      |            |
| Real 1983                            | 104,784.78* |            |
| Real 1982                            | 19,404.20   | 126,782.84 |
| Boat & Motor Vehicle Trailer Exicse: |             |            |
| Boat 1983                            | 328.00      |            |
| Boat 1982                            | 278.00      |            |
| Boat 1981                            | 1.00        |            |

|                                      |           |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Boat 1980                            | 116.00    | 723.00    |           |
| Boat Excise Revenue                  |           |           | 723.00    |
| Excise 1983                          | 23,398.55 |           |           |
| Excise 1982                          | 4,528.69  |           |           |
| Excise 1981                          | 2,537.49  |           |           |
| Excise 1980                          | 6,737.07  |           |           |
| Excise 1979                          | 7,601.55  |           |           |
| Excise 1978                          | 204.79    |           |           |
| Excise 1977                          | 1.41      | 45,009.55 |           |
| Motor Vehicle Trailer Excise Revenue |           |           | 45,009.55 |
| Farm Animal Excise 1982              | 1.10      |           |           |
| Farm Animal Excise 1981              | 6.15      | 7.25      |           |
| Farm Animal Excise Revenue           |           |           | 7.25      |
| Overlay Surplus                      |           |           | 732.96    |
| Overlay 1983                         |           |           | 35,519.72 |
| Overlay 1982                         |           |           | 5,893.87  |
| Overlay 1981                         |           |           | 5,954.49  |
| Overlay 1980                         |           |           | 9,964.45  |
| Overlay 1979                         |           |           | 7,779.92  |
| Tax Titles                           | 33,029.47 |           |           |
| Tax Possessions                      | 9,828.63  | 42,858.10 |           |



| Account                               | Debit      | Credit    |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Tax Title Revenue                     |            | 42,858.10 |
| Due from Light Operations             | 5,000.00   |           |
| Due from Stabilization Fund           | 10,000.00  |           |
| Departmental Accounts Receivable      | 9,673.96   |           |
| Departmental Revenue                  |            | 9,673.96  |
| Due from E.P.A. Sewer Grant           | 671,823.00 |           |
| Due from M.D.W.P.C. Sewer Grant       | 92,454.00  |           |
| Due from F.H.A. Sewer Grant           | 149,400.00 |           |
| Light Service Accounts Receivable     | 34,171.60  |           |
| Light Department Revenue              |            | 34,171.60 |
| Water Department Accounts Receivable: |            |           |
| Water Service                         | 11,199.61  |           |
| Liens 1983                            | 1,636.80   |           |
| Liens 1982                            | 213.75     |           |
| Water Department Revenue              | 13,050.16  | 13,050.16 |
| State & County Assessments:           |            |           |
| State Parks & Reservations            |            | 947.37    |
| County Taxes                          |            | 66.80     |

|                                                    |           |           |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| SPED Chapter 766                                   |           |           | 15,902.00  |
| Merrimac Valley Air Pollution Control              |           |           | 159.83     |
| Tailings                                           |           |           |            |
| Consumer Deposit                                   |           |           | 1,150.75   |
| Interest on Consumer Deposit                       |           |           | 6,495.19   |
| Library Trusts Expense Account                     |           |           | 3,096.16   |
| Cemetery Trusts Expense Account                    |           |           | 1,289.43   |
| School Lunch R/F                                   |           |           | 12,271.97  |
| Sale of Cemetery Lots                              |           |           | 3,668.45   |
|                                                    |           |           | 600.00     |
| Loans Authorized                                   |           |           |            |
| Loans Authorized but Unissued                      | 80,000.00 |           | 80,000.00  |
| Temporary Loans in Anticipation<br>of Grants Sewer |           |           | 800,000.00 |
| Sewer Construction Contracts                       |           |           | 195,128.32 |
| Appropriations: General 1983 and<br>Non Revenue    |           |           | 102,567.69 |
| Appropriations: Revenue Sharing:                   |           |           |            |
| Town Hall Energy Audit                             |           | 1,200.00  |            |
| Police Dispatchers Sick Leave                      |           | 844.95    |            |
| Fireman's Mask Conversion                          |           | 1,492.20  |            |
| Dump Operation 1983                                |           | 8,930.38  |            |
| Dump Operation 1984                                |           | 56,800.00 |            |

| Account                              | Debit        | Credit       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dump Engineering 1983                | 970.16       |              |
| Dump Engineering 1984                | 8,000.00     |              |
| Consultant Service & Legal Fees      | 3,002.01     |              |
| Consultant Service & Legal Fees 1984 | 1,500.00     |              |
| Soccer Field                         | 242.34       | 82,982.04    |
| Revenue 1984                         | 3,235,045.57 |              |
| Appropriation Control 1984           |              | 3,247,723.56 |
| Surplus Revenue                      |              | * 126,628.86 |
| Light Depreciation Fund              |              | 190,609.31   |
| Reserve for Petty Cash               |              | 185.00       |
| Net Funded and Fixed Debt            | 1,876,300.00 |              |
| Red Oak School                       | 140,000.00   |              |
| Water Wells                          | 180,000.00   |              |
| Standpipe                            | 20,000.00    |              |
| Water Project 1980                   | 123,500.00   |              |
| Standpipe Roof Repair                | 21,000.00    |              |
| Sewer #1                             | 1,000,500.00 |              |
| Sewer #2                             | 391,300.00   | 1,876,300.00 |
| Trust Funds in Custody of Treasurer  | 212,734.81   |              |
| Various Library Trusts               |              | 3,900.00     |
| Library Trusts - Thomas Hoyt         |              | 21,656.14    |
| Library Trusts - Wadleigh            |              | 3,931.43     |



|                                      |            |                     |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Kimball Park Trust Fund              | 7,371.48   |                     |
| Cemetery - Perpetual Care Trusts     | 123,105.62 |                     |
| Cemetery - H. Robinson Trusts        | 1,500.00   |                     |
| Post War Rehabilitation              | 2,223.64   |                     |
| Stabilization Fund                   | 43,290.12  |                     |
| Purchase Bonds for School Renovation | 157.37     | 212,734.81          |
| Armstrong-McInnis Trust Funds        | 5,599.01   |                     |
|                                      |            | <u>7,182,950.05</u> |
|                                      |            | <u>7,182,950.05</u> |

Respectfully submitted by,  
DAVID HITCHCOCK,  
Town Accountant

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

DETAILED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND

Period Ending June 30, 1983

|                           | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Appropriations<br>General<br>Budget | Special<br>Articles | Receipts<br>and<br>(Transfers) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended  | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>General Government</b> |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Finance Committee Expense | -0-                                   | 700.00                              | -0-                 | 106.50                         | 806.50                       | 806.50    | -0-                |
| Selectmen Salaries        | -0-                                   | 3,060.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,060.00                     | 3,060.00  | -0-                |
| Selectmen Secretary       | -0-                                   | 9,005.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 9,005.00                     | 7,364.34  | 1,640.66           |
| Selectmen Expense         | -0-                                   | 1,680.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,680.00                     | 1,670.33  | 9.67               |
| Accountant Salary         | -0-                                   | 16,645.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 16,645.00                    | 16,645.00 | -0-                |
| Accountant Expense        | -0-                                   | 1,018.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,018.00                     | 1,018.00  | -0-                |
| Treasurer Salary          | -0-                                   | 10,200.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 10,200.00                    | 10,200.00 | -0-                |
| Treasurer Expense         | -0-                                   | 7,240.00                            | -0-                 | 262.00                         | 7,502.00                     | 6,584.53  | 917.47             |
| Tax Collector Salary      | -0-                                   | 5,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 5,000.00                     | 5,000.00  | -0-                |
| Tax Collector Clerk       | -0-                                   | 1,900.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,900.00                     | 1,900.00  | -0-                |
| Tax Collector Expense     | -0-                                   | 4,549.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 4,549.00                     | 4,538.65  | 10.35              |
| Assessor Salary           | -0-                                   | 4,200.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 4,200.00                     | 4,200.00  | -0-                |
| Assessor Clerk            | -0-                                   | 10,230.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 10,230.00                    | 10,230.00 | -0-                |
| Assessor Expense          | -0-                                   | 1,870.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,870.00                     | 1,870.00  | -0-                |
| Assessor Revaluation      | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 800.00              | -0-                            | 800.00                       | 800.00    | -0-                |
| Assessor Computer Exp.    | 1,200.00                              | -0-                                 | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,200.00                     | 516.06    | *683.94            |
| Town Counsel Salary       | -0-                                   | 2,203.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 2,203.00                     | 2,203.00  | -0-                |
| Town Counsel Expense      | -0-                                   | 3,701.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,701.00                     | 3,429.00  | 272.00             |
| Town Clerk Salary         | -0-                                   | 3,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,000.00                     | 3,000.00  | -0-                |
| Town Clerk Expense        | -0-                                   | 600.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 600.00                       | 600.00    | -0-                |
| Registrars Salaries       | -0-                                   | 300.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 300.00                       | 225.00    | 75.00              |
| Registrars Expense        | -0-                                   | 400.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 400.00                       | 400.00    | -0-                |

|                            |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Census Taker Expense       | -0-      | 400.00    | -0-        | -0-      | 400.00     | 400.00     | -0-       |
| Election Officers Salaries | -0-      | 1,216.00  | -0-        | 298.00   | 1,514.00   | 1,508.44   | 5.56      |
| Election Officers Expense  | -0-      | 75.00     | -0-        | 12.00    | 87.00      | 87.00      | -0-       |
| Planning Board Expense     | -0-      | 650.00    | -0-        | -0-      | 650.00     | 155.83     | 494.17    |
| Planning Board Consultant  | 3,000.00 | -0-       | -0-        | -0-      | 3,000.00   | -0-        | *3,000.00 |
| Appeals Board Expense      | -0-      | 445.00    | -0-        | 475.00   | 920.00     | 763.97     | 156.03    |
| Bonding Town Officers      | -0-      | 847.00    | -0-        | -0-      | 847.00     | 847.00     | -0-       |
| Town Hall Janitor Salary   | -0-      | 584.00    | -0-        | -0-      | 584.00     | 584.00     | -0-       |
| Town Hall Maintenance      | -0-      | 3,222.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 3,222.00   | 3,222.00   | -0-       |
| Town Hall Heat             | -0-      | 4,800.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 4,800.0    | 2,961.37   | 1,838.63  |
| Municipal Bldgs. Expense   | -0-      | 300.00    | -0-        | -0-      | 300.00     | 300.00     | -0-       |
| Municipal Bldgs.           |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| Oil Heat                   | -0-      | 7,000.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 7,000.00   | 5,683.41   | 1,316.59  |
| Municipal Bldgs.           |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| Gas Heat                   | -0-      | 3,000.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 3,000.00   | 2,428.89   | 571.11    |
| Repair Town Hall           |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| Roof #2                    | 606.80   | -0-       | -0-        | -0-      | 606.80     | -0-        | *606.80   |
| Municipal Building         |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| Roof Repair                | -0-      | -0-       | 985.00     | -0-      | 985.00     | 985.00     | -0-       |
| Total General Government   | 4,806.80 | 11,040.00 | 1,785.00   | 1,153.50 | 117,785.30 | 106,187.32 | 11,597.98 |
|                            |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| <b>Public Safety</b>       |          |           |            |          |            |            |           |
| Police Chief Salary        | -0-      | 23,311.00 | -0-        | -0-      | 23,311.00  | 20,667.36  | 2,643.64  |
| Sergeant Salary            | -0-      | 17,561.00 | (5,867.23) | -0-      | 11,693.77  | 11,693.77  | -0-       |
| Patrolman Wages            | -0-      | 62,164.00 | (5,380.80) | -0-      | 56,783.20  | 55,645.52  | 1,137.68  |
| Night Premium              | -0-      | 1,285.00  | -0-        | 188.92   | 1,473.92   | 1,415.68   | 58.24     |
| Paid Holidays              | -0-      | 3,360.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 3,360.00   | 2,851.92   | 508.08    |
| Court Time                 | -0-      | 4,000.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 4,000.00   | 3,995.17   | 4.83      |
| Overtime                   | -0-      | 1,500.00  | -0-        | -0-      | 1,500.00   | 1,494.96   | 5.04      |
| Regular Expense            | -0-      | 6,530.00  | -0-        | 20.00    | 6,550.00   | 6,506.84   | 43.16     |
| Police Specials            | -0-      | 5,880.00  | -0-        | 958.87   | 6,838.87   | 6,838.87   | -0-       |



|                                         | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Appropriations<br>General<br>Budget | Special<br>Articles | Receipts<br>and<br>(Transfers) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended  | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Crossing Guards                         | -0-                                   | 4,502.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 4,502.00                     | 4,375.44  | 126.56             |
| Dispatcher Wages                        | -0-                                   | 37,905.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 37,905.00                    | 37,892.01 | 12.99              |
| Police Fuel                             | -0-                                   | 8,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 8,000.00                     | 7,811.94  | 188.06             |
| Police Longevity                        | -0-                                   | 650.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 650.00                       | 550.00    | 100.00             |
| Police Clothing Allowance               | -0-                                   | 1,250.00                            | -0-                 | (20.00)                        | 1,230.00                     | 978.66    | 251.34             |
| Police Janitor                          | -0-                                   | 1,300.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,300.00                     | 1,300.00  | -0-                |
| New Patrolmen Wages,<br>Expenses Art. 9 | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 3,711.05            | -0-                            | 3,711.05                     | 1,979.01  | *1,732.04          |
| Specials Coverage -<br>Vance Art. 10    | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 1,305.60            | -0-                            | 1,305.60                     | 913.92    | 391.68             |
| Fire Department Wages                   | -0-                                   | 23,450.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 23,450.00                    | 23,450.00 | -0-                |
| Fire Department Expense                 | -0-                                   | 15,160.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 15,160.00                    | 15,123.79 | 36.21              |
| Fire Wardens                            | -0-                                   | 200.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 200.00                       | 200.00    | -0-                |
| E.M.T. Salaries                         | -0-                                   | 3,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,000.00                     | 3,000.00  | -0-                |
| Ambulance Expense                       | -0-                                   | 5,101.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 5,101.00                     | 5,100.51  | .49                |
| Civil Defense Expense                   | 685.13                                | 490.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,175.13                     | 412.98    | *762.15            |
| Fire Alarm Inspector<br>Expense         | -0-                                   | 150.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 150.00                       | 150.00    | -0-                |
| Gas Inspector Salary                    | -0-                                   | 445.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 445.00                       | 445.00    | -0-                |
| Gas Inspector Expense                   | -0-                                   | 157.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 157.00                       | 120.00    | 37.00              |
| Wiring Inspector Salary                 | -0-                                   | 802.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 802.00                       | 802.00    | -0-                |
| Wiring Inspector Expense                | -0-                                   | 180.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 180.00                       | 180.00    | -0-                |
| Building Insp. Salary                   | -0-                                   | 802.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 802.00                       | 802.00    | -0-                |
| Building Insp. Expense                  | -0-                                   | 180.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 180.00                       | 176.11    | 3.89               |
| Oil Burner Insp. Salary                 | -0-                                   | 135.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 135.00                       | 135.00    | -0-                |
| Oil Burner Insp. Expense                | -0-                                   | 45.00                               | -0-                 | -0-                            | 45.00                        | 45.00     | -0-                |
| Tree Warden Salary                      | -0-                                   | 300.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 300.00                       | 300.00    | -0-                |
| Tree Warden Expense                     | -0-                                   | 2,500.00                            | -0-                 | 550.00                         | 3,050.00                     | 3,050.00  | -0-                |
| Insect Pest Control                     | -0-                                   | 360.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 360.00                       | 360.00    | -0-                |

|                           |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Dog Officer Salary        | -0-       | 2,700.00   | (600.00)   | -0-              | 2,100.00   | 832.00     | 1,268.00  |
| Dog Officer Expense       | -0-       | 945.00     | 600.00     | -0-              | 1,545.00   | 212.05     | 1,332.95  |
| Police Cruiser            | -0-       | -0-        | 8,600.00   | -0-              | 8,600.00   | 8,588.38   | 11.62     |
| Total Public Safety       | 685.13    | 236,300.00 | 2,368.62   | 1,697.79         | 241,051.54 | 230,395.89 | 10,655.65 |
| <b>Health</b>             |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
| Board of Health           |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
| Expense                   | -0-       | 2,250.00   | -0-        | 198.60           | 2,448.60   | 2,448.60   | -0-       |
| Food Service Inspector    | -0-       | 270.00     | -0-        | -0-              | 270.00     | 270.00     | -0-       |
| Town Nurse Salary         | -0-       | 1,750.00   | -0-        | 810.00           | 2,560.00   | 2,308.50   | 251.50    |
| Town Nurse Expense        | -0-       | 75.00      | -0-        | -0-              | 75.00      | 72.75      | 2.25      |
| Plumbing Inspector Salary | -0-       | 432.00     | -0-        | -0-              | 432.00     | 432.00     | -0-       |
| Health Inspector Expense  | -0-       | 1,980.00   | -0-        | -0-              | 1,980.00   | 1,980.00   | -0-       |
| Animal Insp. Salary       | -0-       | 100.00     | -0-        | -0-              | 100.00     | 100.00     | -0-       |
| Animal Insp. Expense      | -0-       | 25.00      | -0-        | -0-              | 25.00      | 25.00      | -0-       |
| Milk Inspector Salary     | -0-       | 20.00      | -0-        | -0-              | 20.00      | 20.00      | -0-       |
| Milk Inspector Expense    | -0-       | 10.00      | -0-        | -0-              | 10.00      | 10.00      | -0-       |
| Sewer Commission Salary   | -0-       | 400.00     | -0-        | -0-              | 400.00     | 400.00     | -0-       |
| Sewer Commission Expense  | -0-       | 800.00     | -0-        | -0-              | 800.00     | 800.00     | -0-       |
| Sewer System Inspector    |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
| Sp. Art. 23               | 5,195.00  | -0-        | -0-        | -0-              | 5,195.00   | 2,870.00   | *2,325.00 |
| Acquisition of Land       |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
| Sewer Sp. Art. 14         | 14,261.00 | -0-        | -0-        | -0-              | 14,261.00  | 11,276.00  | *2,985.00 |
| Sewer Operation —         |           |            |            |                  |            |            |           |
| Salaries                  | -0-       | 35,800.00  | -0-        | -0-              | 35,800.00  | 35,800.00  | -0-       |
| Utilities                 | -0-       | 42,121.00  | -0-        | -0-              | 42,121.00  | 22,523.03  | 19,597.97 |
| Equipment & Maint.        | -0-       | 7,000.00   | -0-        | -0-              | 7,000.00   | 7,000.00   | -0-       |
| Purchased Services        | -0-       | 13,500.00  | -0-        | -0-              | 13,500.00  | 13,298.21  | 201.79    |
| Total Health              | 25,456.00 | 106,533.00 | (4,000.00) | 938.60128,927.60 |            | 103,564.09 | 25,363.51 |

|                           | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Appropriations<br>General<br>Budget | Special<br>Articles | Receipts<br>and<br>(Transfers) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended  | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Highways</b>           |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Superintendent Salary     | -0-                                   | 15,709.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 15,709.00                    | 15,709.00 | -0-                |
| Highway Wages             | -0-                                   | 33,465.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 33,465.00                    | 30,360.37 | 3,104.63           |
| Highway Overtime          | -0-                                   | 864.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 864.00                       | 6,340.91  | 2,299.09           |
| Thickly Settled           | -0-                                   | 6,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 6,000.00                     | 5,715.40  | 284.60             |
| Road Machinery            | -0-                                   | 6,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 6,000.00                     | 5,965.70  | 34.30              |
| Snow & Washouts           | -0-                                   | 15,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 15,000.00                    | 13,288.54 | 1,711.46           |
| Highway Fuel              | -0-                                   | 8,000.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 8,000.00                     | 5,400.47  | 2,599.53           |
| Highway Chapter 90 - 1983 | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 16,306.00           | -0-                            | 16,306.00                    | -0-       | *16,306.00         |
| Highway Chapter 732       | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 9,741.00            | -0-                            | 9,741.00                     | 1,332.96  | *8,408.04          |
| Highway Chapter 90 - 1984 | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 16,306.00           | -0-                            | 16,306.00                    | -0-       | *16,306.00         |
| Road Improvement          |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Chapter 90 - 1982         | 8,174.00                              | -0-                                 | -0-                 | -0-                            | 8,174.00                     | 8,174.00  | -0-                |
| Highway - Pick up Truck   | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | 14,000.00           | -0-                            | 14,000.00                    | -0-       | *14,000.00         |
| Total Highway             | 8,174.00                              | 92,814.00                           | 56,353.00           | -0-                            | 157,341.00                   | 92,287.35 | 65,053.65          |
| <b>Public Assistance</b>  |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Council for the Aging     |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Director Salary           | -0-                                   | 9,681.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 9,681.00                     | 9,481.50  | 199.50             |
| Clerk Salary              | -0-                                   | 3,190.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,190.00                     | 3,190.00  | -0-                |
| Janitor Salary            | -0-                                   | 514.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 514.00                       | 514.00    | -0-                |
| Expense                   | -0-                                   | 3,226.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 3,226.00                     | 3,224.96  | 1.04               |
| Elder Affairs             |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| GT 9110 - 9002            | 612.98                                | -0-                                 | -0-                 | -0-                            | 612.98                       | 612.98    | -0-                |
| Elder Affairs GT #2       | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | -0-                 | 589.00                         | 589.00                       | -0-       | *589.00            |
| Veterans Clerk Salary     | -0-                                   | 1,043.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,043.00                     | 1,043.00  | -0-                |
| Veterans Benefits         |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |           |                    |
| Allowances                | 1,366.86                              | 3,000.00                            | -0-                 | 1,000.00                       | 5,366.86                     | 4,737.95  | 628.91             |





|                              | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Appropriations<br>General<br>Budget | Special<br>Articles | Receipts<br>and<br>(Transfers) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended   | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unclassified</b>          |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Kimball Park                 | 252.52                                | -0-                                 | -0-                 | -0-                            | 252.52                       | 74.00      | 178.52             |
| Essex County                 |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Retirement Asses.            | -0-                                   | 76,826.89                           | -0-                 | 36.00                          | 76,862.89                    | -0-        | -0-                |
| Pension Bill Expense         | -0-                                   | 825.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 825.00                       | -0-        | 825.00             |
| Property & Liability         |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Insurance                    | -0-                                   | 51,923.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 51,923.00                    | 51,751.78  | 171.22             |
| Group Insurance              | -0-                                   | 48,900.00                           | -0-                 | 10,701.28                      | 59,601.28                    | 58,040.17  | 1,561.11           |
| Various Payroll Deductions   | -0-                                   | -0-                                 | -0-                 | 518,386.99                     | 518,386.99                   | 518,386.99 | -0-                |
| Repairs to Tax               |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Title Property               | -0-                                   | 10.00                               | -0-                 | -0-                            | 10.00                        | -0-        | 10.00              |
| Memorial Day                 | -0-                                   | 450.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 450.00                       | 295.60     | 154.40             |
| Conservation Commission Exp. | -0-                                   | 972.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 972.00                       | 901.54     | 70.46              |
| Vital Statistics             | -0-                                   | 140.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 140.00                       | 140.00     | -0-                |
| Print Town Report            | -0-                                   | 1,800.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,800.00                     | 1,680.00   | 120.00             |
| Merrimac Valley              |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Planning Comm.               | -0-                                   | 1,112.75                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 1,112.75                     | 1,088.27   | 24.48              |
| Light in Town Buildings      | -0-                                   | 22,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 22,000.00                    | 22,000.00  | -0-                |
| Water in Town Buildings      | -0-                                   | 1,100.00                            | -0-                 | 236.44                         | 1,336.44                     | 1,336.44   | -0-                |
| Street Lighting              | -0-                                   | 20,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 20,000.00                    | 16,715.45  | 3,284.55           |
| Town Gardens                 | -0-                                   | 600.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 600.00                       | 600.00     | -0-                |
| Reserve Fund                 | -0-                                   | 5,000.00                            | -0-                 | (4,635.73)                     | 364.27                       | -0-        | 364.27             |
| Unemployment Expense         | -0-                                   | 14,375.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 14,375.00                    | 14,375.00  | -0-                |
| Maturing Debt                |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |            |                    |
| Red Oak School               | -0-                                   | 35,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 35,000.00                    | 35,000.00  | -0-                |
| Water Wells                  | -0-                                   | 30,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 30,000.00                    | 30,000.00  | -0-                |
| Standpipe                    | -0-                                   | 10,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 10,000.00                    | 10,000.00  | -0-                |
| Water Project 1980           | -0-                                   | 15,000.00                           | -0-                 | -0-                            | 15,000.00                    | 15,000.00  | -0-                |

|                             |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Roof Repair                 | -0-       | 9,000.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 9,000.00     | 9,000.00     | -0-        |
| Sewer #1                    | -0-       | 35,200.00  | -0-        | -0-        | 35,200.00    | 35,200.00    | -0-        |
| Interest on Maturing Debt — |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Red Oak School              | -0-       | 6,615.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 6,615.00     | 6,615.00     | -0-        |
| Water Wells                 | -0-       | 10,290.00  | -0-        | -0-        | 10,290.00    | 10,290.00    | -0-        |
| Standpipe                   | -0-       | 1,525.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 1,525.00     | 1,525.00     | -0-        |
| Water Project 1980          | -0-       | 6,925.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 6,925.00     | 6,925.00     | -0-        |
| Sewer Project #1            | -0-       | 50,905.00  | -0-        | -0-        | 50,905.00    | 50,905.00    | -0-        |
| Sewer Project #2            | -0-       | -0-        | -0-        | 9,782.50   | 9,782.50     | 9,782.50     | -0-        |
| Roof Repair                 | -0-       | 1,500.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 1,500.00     | 1,500.00     | -0-        |
| Interest on Tax             |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Anticipation Notes          | -0-       | 1,800.00   | -0-        | 550.83     | 2,350.83     | 2,350.83     | -0-        |
| Interest on Temp.           |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Borrow. Sewer #22           | 2,797.64  | -0-        | -0-        | -0-        | 2,797.64     | 2,797.64     | -0-        |
| Interest on Temp.           |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Borrow. Sewer #10           | -0-       | -0-        | 110,000.00 | -0-        | 110,000.00   | 83,146.55    | *26,853.45 |
| Historical Comm. (Museum)   | 2,217.13  | -0-        | -0-        | -0-        | 2,217.13     | -0-          | *2,217.13  |
| Writing Town History        | 1,837.60  | -0-        | -0-        | -0-        | 1,837.60     | 48.50        | *1,789.10  |
|                             | -0-       | -0-        | 24,000.00  | -0-        | 24,000.00    | 24,000.00    | -0-        |
| Total Unclassified          | 7,104.89  | 459,794.64 | 134,000.00 | 535,058.31 | 1,135,957.84 | 1,098,334.15 | 37,623.69  |
| Public Enterprise           |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Water Department            |           |            |            |            |              |              |            |
| Managers Salary             | -0-       | 7,956.36   | -0-        | -0-        | 7,956.36     | 7,956.36     | -0-        |
| Clerk Salary                | -0-       | 4,488.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 4,488.00     | 4,488.00     | -0-        |
| Wages                       | -0-       | 37,311.00  | -0-        | -0-        | 37,311.00    | 36,559.57    | 751.43     |
| Expense                     | -0-       | 44,800.00  | -0-        | 125.06     | 44,925.06    | 40,794.35    | 4,130.71   |
| Commissioner Salaries       | -0-       | 1,200.00   | -0-        | -0-        | 1,200.00     | 1,200.00     | -0-        |
| Excavation & Roadwork       | -0-       | 58,000.00  | -0-        | (137.06)   | 5,662.94     | 2,474.62     | 3,188.32   |
| Water Dept. Van             | 5,889.19  | -0-        | 3,010.81   | -0-        | 8,900.00     | 8,900.00     | -0-        |
| Standpipe Roof Repair       | 8,890.47  | -0-        | -0-        | (8,626.95) | 263.52       | 263.52       | -0-        |
| Total Public Enterprise     | 14,779.66 | 153,755.36 | 3,010.81   | (8,638.95) | 110,706.88   | 102,636.42   | 8,070.46   |



|                                        | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Appropriations<br>General<br>Budget | Special<br>Articles | Receipts<br>and<br>(Transfers) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended     | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Cemetery                               |                                       |                                     |                     |                                |                              |              |                    |
| Cemetery Wages                         | -0-                                   | 8,550.00                            | -0-                 | -0-                            | 8,550.00                     | 8,550.00     | -0-                |
| Trustees                               | -0-                                   | 150.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 150.00                       | 150.00       | -0-                |
| Clerk                                  | -0-                                   | 800.00                              | -0-                 | -0-                            | 800.00                       | 800.00       | -0-                |
| Care, Improvement,<br>Embellishment    | 1,645.00                              | -0-                                 | -0-                 | 1,350.00                       | 2,995.00                     | 1,645.00     | *1,350.00          |
| Total Cemeteries                       | 1,645.00                              | 9,550.00                            | -0-                 | 1,350.00                       | 12,495.00                    | 11,145.00    | 1,350.00           |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS<br>& EXPENDITURES | 74,398.54                             | 2,972,987.00                        | 193,517.34          | 540,813.30                     | 3,729,466.27                 | 3,565,912.08 | 163,554.19         |

TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
Revenue Sharing Fund  
Detailed Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures  
Period Ending June 30, 1983

|                           | Continued<br>Appropriations<br>7/1/82 | Special<br>Articles | Transfers<br>in<br>(Out) | Total<br>Budgeted<br>6/30/83 | Expended | Balance<br>6/30/83 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Treasurer Check Protector | -0-                                   | 1,600.00            | (56.10)                  | 1,543.90                     | 1,543.90 | -0-                |
| Town Hall - Energy Audit  | -0-                                   | 1,200.00            | -0-                      | 1,200.00                     | -0-      | 1,200.00           |
| Police Department         | -0-                                   | 8,430.00            | (.01)                    | 8,429.99                     | 8,429.99 | -0-                |
| Specials                  | -0-                                   | 1,632.00            | -0-                      | 1,632.00                     | 1,632.00 | -0-                |
| Chief Salary              |                                       |                     |                          |                              |          |                    |

|                                   |           |            |         |            |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Sergeant Salary                   | -0-       | 551.00     | -0-     | 551.00     | -0-       |
| Sergeant P. Holidays              | -0-       | 24.00      | -0-     | 24.00      | -0-       |
| Patrolmen's Wages                 | -0-       | 4,351.00   | -0-     | 4,351.00   | -0-       |
| Patrolmen P. Holidays             | -0-       | 183.00     | -0-     | 183.00     | -0-       |
| Clothing Allowance                | -0-       | 100.00     | -0-     | 100.00     | -0-       |
| Overtime                          | -0-       | 105.00     | -0-     | 105.00     | -0-       |
| Dispatchers Sick Leave            | -0-       | 1,235.00   | -0-     | 390.05     | 844.95    |
| Fire Dept. - Air Mask Conversion  | -0-       | 4,500.00   | -0-     | 3,007.80   | 1,492.20  |
| Land Acquisition - Sewer          | 13,667.00 | -0-        | -0-     | 13,667.00  | -0-       |
| Dump Operation - 1982             | 4,550.38  | -0-        | -0-     | 4,550.38   | -0-       |
| Dump Operation - 1983             | 5,050.00  | -0-        | -0-     | 41,569.62  | 8,930.38  |
| Dump Engineering - 1983           | 7,000.00  | -0-        | -0-     | 6,029.84   | 970.16    |
| Dump Operation - 1984             | -0-       | 56,800.00  | -0-     | -0-        | 56,800.00 |
| Dump Engineering - 1984           | -0-       | 8,000.00   | -0-     | -0-        | 8,000.00  |
| Highway Oiling Roads              | -0-       | 3,559.48   | -0-     | 3,559.48   | -0-       |
| Playground - Mower                | 1,049.39  | -0-        | -0-     | 1,049.39   | -0-       |
| Soccer Field #5                   | -0-       | 3,300.00   | -0-     | 3,057.66   | 242.34    |
| Indian Head Park Damage #7        | -0-       | 330.00     | -0-     | 330.00     | -0-       |
| Essex County Retirement           | -0-       | 36.00      | -0-     | 36.00      | -0-       |
| Land Taking Mathews               | -0-       | 600.00     | -0-     | 600.00     | -0-       |
| Consultant Services - 1982        | 88.32     | -0-        | -0-     | 88.32      | -0-       |
| Consultant Services - 1983        | 6,000.00  | -0-        | -0-     | 6,000.00   | -0-       |
| Consultant Services & Legal Fees  | -0-       | 10,000.00  | -0-     | 6,997.99   | 3,002.01  |
| Consultant Services - 1984        | -0-       | 1,500.00   | -0-     | -0-        | 1,500.00  |
| Consultant Comm. Legal Fees       | -0-       | 992.00     | -0-     | 992.00     | -0-       |
| Interest on Maturing Debt - Sewer | -0-       | 9,782.50   | -0-     | 9,782.50   | -0-       |
| Interst on Tax Anticipation Notes | -0-       | 3,005.16   | -0-     | 3,005.16   | -0-       |
|                                   | 82,855.04 | 121,816.14 | (56.11) | 121,633.08 | 82,982.04 |

**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**Balance Sheet -**  
**Trust and Investment Funds**  
**June 30, 1983**

Assets:

In custody of Treasurer:

Savings accounts and certificates

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| of deposits | \$ 212,734.81 |
|-------------|---------------|

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Total Assets | \$ 212,734.81 |
|--------------|---------------|

Liabilities and Fund Balances:

In custody of Treasurer:

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| School Fund | \$ 157.37 |
|-------------|-----------|

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Rehabilitation Fund | 2,223.64 |
|---------------------|----------|

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Park Funds | 7,371.48 |
|------------|----------|

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Stabilization Fund | 43,290.12 |
|--------------------|-----------|

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Library Fund | 29,487.57 |
|--------------|-----------|

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Cemetery Fund | <u>130,204.63</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**Balance Sheet -**  
**Bonded Indebtedness Fund**  
**June 30, 1983**

Assets:

Net Funded and Fixed Debt:

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Inside debt limit  | \$ -0-                 |
| Outside debt limit | <u>1,876,300.00</u>    |
|                    | <u>\$ 1,876,300.00</u> |

Liabilities:

Serial Loans:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Inside debt limit   | \$ -0-                 |
| Outside debt limit: |                        |
| School Project loan | 140,000.00             |
| Water bond          | 180,000.00             |
| Water loan          | 20,000.00              |
| Water Project 1980  | 123,500.00             |
| Water Well Roof     | 21,000.00              |
| Sewer bond #1       | 1,000,500.00           |
| Sewer bond #2       | <u>391,300.00</u>      |
|                     | <u>\$ 1,876,300.00</u> |

## **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Merrill B. Smith this year. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Merrill for his many years of devoted service and to wish he and his family the very best.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Richard A. Fournier to finish the year for Mr. Smith. An election will be held in 1984 to fill the unexpired term.

Other than erecting a new fence on the Locust Grove grounds, it was business as usual this year.

The Trustees would like to thank Charlie Haynes for another outstanding year of maintaining the grounds of the cemeteries. We also want to send a special thanks to Jeff Robinson and all the others who assisted Charlie in keeping the cemeteries in fine condition.

ALVA W. CLARK, Chairman  
HAROLD R. ARBOUR, Secretary  
RICHARD A. FOURNIER, Clerk

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

In 1983, approximately 80% of our 750 elder population in Merrimac have been served through the efforts of the Council on Aging, the Senior Center staff (Kathleen Gorman and Doris Bachelder), the Senior Aides and the volunteers.

The Council on Aging is as in the past primarily an "information and referral" agency. Mental Health Blood pressure

and Health Care, Transportation, Income Tax Assistance, Protective and Legal Services, Homemaker, Weatherization and fuel Assistance are some of the information obtained for our townspeople.

The Senior Aide program, funded by the Department of Labor and Administered by the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, reaches out to the homebound, hospitalized and those in nursing homes. This year with Bobbie Bridges, Louise Darling (resigned in March) and Violet Gallagher (July-November) 2,357 of the elders were contacted.

Through Title III funding, our nutrition program supervised by Sophie Wozniak, served 4,213 meals at the site. The Meals on Wheels served 2,488 meals to the homebound.

Our Health program has provided weekly blood pressure clinics at the Center, Merri Village and North Shore Community Park totaling 591 this year. Also, 220 flu vaccines were administered. The cancer detection clinic was held and well attended. The dental program is continuing operations.

The Friends of the Council have been active in raising funds to assist in the social activities. They have donated \$327 for various events during the year.

This year we had our first student intern from the Gerontology program at Northern Essex Community College for 10 weeks.

The Senior Activity Committee plans day trips to different shopping centers, museums, plays, ice capades, dinners, etc., with each participant paying their own way. This year there were 19 trips with 292 elders participating.

The Center was used as a working example with Community Action giving a three day training program on weatherization of the home.

The Center aided Community Action with three distributions of cheese and butter. Using the help of volunteers, there were 3,100 pounds of cheese distributed to 441 persons or families.



The Center activities have included movies, classes in knitting, doll making; needlepoint; punch and cut lamp shades and chair caning. Also, there are available at various times during the week, Bingo, Yoga, Slimnastics and Line Dancing. Our weekly coffee socials, monthly birthday parties and holiday celebrations have been greatly successful.

Special events have had good turn outs, such as the Cook Out at Lake Attitash, the Senior Citizen recognition contest in May, Old Home Day in August with Open House at the Center and our own Doris Bachelder and Chester Wozniak grand marshalls of the parade. The Christmas party had 127 in attendance to finish our year of special events.

The Inter-generational program with about 20 of our elders and a group of teens from Pentucket High School, have held round table discussions, attended lectures and have gone on field trips together, thus sharing life experiences and closing some of the "Generation Gap".

The Transportation program is a system which provides reimbursement of 25¢ per mile, insurance coverage and training for volunteers who drive elders to their appointments, grocery shopping, personal errands and social center events. Contributions are accepted and made directly to the program. In 1983, 542 individuals were transported and 810 hours were volunteered by drivers.

The Council was the recipient of a formula grant of \$654.00 to be used for an Air Conditioner for the Center. This grant is made on the per capita count of the elders in Merrimac. Also, an Art Grant of \$250.00 was received to be used for oil painting classes.

The Council continues to meet on the third Tuesday evening of each month. Members of the Council also attend the Area East Area Council on Aging meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
JERRY-LOU POTTER, Chairman

**Member of the Merrimac Council on Aging**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Dorothy Doughty    | 1986 |
| Charles Kuzminski  | 1988 |
| Inez Lund          | 1984 |
| Evelyn Morrill     | 1984 |
| Burnell O'Brien    | 1986 |
| Jerry Lou Potter   | 1984 |
| Al Roy             | 1986 |
| Ruth Shaw          | 1985 |
| Genevieve Smithson | 1986 |
| Karen Zacharis     | 1985 |

**Associate Members**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Evelyn Greeley | Carrol Slye       |
| Gerry Raper    | Lucien Villeneuve |
| Fred Sloban    |                   |

**REPORT OF THE  
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:  
Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Calendar Year 1983 was a busy year for the Fire Department with an increase in Ambulance Calls, and a slight decrease in Fire and Routine calls.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Building Fires .....       | 4  |
| Grass Fires .....          | 9  |
| Camp Fires .....           | 4  |
| Chimney Fires .....        | 10 |
| Woods Fires.....           | 5  |
| Accidental Drownings.....  | 1  |
| Smoke Investigations ..... | 9  |
| Fireplace Fires .....      | 1  |
| Boat Fires .....           | 1  |
| Dump Fires .....           | 1  |
| Rubbish Fires .....        | 3  |

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Electrical Fires.....                | 2        |
| Motor Vehicle Fires .....            | 16       |
| Wood Stove Fires .....               | 1        |
| Controlled Fires.....                | 1        |
| False Alarms .....                   | 1        |
| Smoke Detectors .....                | 5        |
| Dryer Fires .....                    | 1        |
| Furnace Fires .....                  | 6        |
| Gas Wash Downs .....                 | 7        |
| Dumpster Fires .....                 | 3        |
| Overheater Motor Vehicles .....      | 1        |
| Refrigerator Leaks .....             | 2        |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents .....        | 24       |
| Mutual Aid Given .....               | 14       |
| Ambulance Calls.....                 | 194      |
| Medical Calls - (No Transport) ..... | 19       |
| Babies Delivered .....               | <u>1</u> |
| Total Calls.....                     | 346      |

The Board of Fire Engineers organized as follows:

- Chief - Richard J. Powers
- Deputy Chief - Harold J. Hume
- Deputy Chief - Wallace P. Spencer

Our year was active as all Firefighters attended classes for the First Responders Course, Ladder Work, Pump Operation, Ventilation, and Hose Laying.

Our Emergency Medical Technicians spent many hours in the class room for Recertification of their license.

The Board of Fire Engineers would like to thank the Towns of Amesbury, Newton, N.H., and West Newbury for the excellent cooperation we have received for many years.

To the Merrimac Couplings and their supporters, we give our sincere thanks for their support and endless hours, in making our Department a better one.

Also a sincere thanks to the many citizens who have supported us in so many ways during the year.



To our Firefighters who give above and beyond, we have but a few words to say (***We Notice — We Appreciate — But Most of All We Say Thank You***) for all that you do for all of us. ***God Bless and Protect All of You.***

Board of Fire Engineers,  
Chief - RICHARD J. POWERS  
Deputy Chief - HAROLD J. HUME  
Deputy Chief - WALLACE P. SPENCER

**Board of Fire Engineers**

Chief - Richard J. Powers  
Deputy - Harold J. Hume                      Deputy - Wallace P. Spencer

**Company - Officers**

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Captain - Alva Clark   | Lieutenant - Norman Armstrong   |
| Captain - Norman Sande | Lieutenant - Raymond Bastarache |
| Captain - James Hume   | Lieutenant - Ralph Spencer      |
| Captain - Brian Peavey | Lieutenant - Wayne Brooks       |

**Company Members:**

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Arthur Amirault  | Henry Kelly         |
| Clifton Bixby    | Roger Langlois      |
| Norman Condon    | Edward Noone        |
| Robert Corthell  | Francis Noone       |
| William Dow      | Richard Powers, Jr. |
| Eben Emery       | Timothy Powers      |
| Robert Emery     | Bernard Russell     |
| Larry Fisher     | Michael Sloban      |
| Richard Fournier | Thomas Sloban       |
| Thomas Hansen    | Thomas Sayers       |
| Bonnie Kitsakos  | Andrea Sargent      |
| Richard Heath    | James S. Smith      |
| Cliff Judson     | Louis Stuart        |
| Thomas Jordan    | Bruce Winthrop      |

### **Substitute Members**

Stephen Chevalier  
James David  
Thomas Flinn  
Wayne Gadsby

Scott Maker  
Clifford Miller  
Robert Peters  
Nolan Shaw

### **E.M.T.'S Ambulance**

Lt. Norman Armstrong  
Lt. Raymond Bastarache  
Lt. Ralph Spencer  
Bonnie Kitsakos  
Richard Heath  
Henry Kelly  
Richard Powers, Jr.  
Timothy Powers

Thomas Sayers  
Andrea Sargent  
Louis Stuart  
Wayne Gadsby  
Scott Maker  
Robert Peters  
Nolan Shaw

## **BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT**

The Board of Health reorganized for the beginning of FY 1983 as follows:

Constance A. Hoyt, Chairman (term exp. 1985)  
49 Birch Meadow Road

Robert F. Roy (term exp. 1984)  
37 Hadley Road

Charlotte E. Stepanian, RN, Public Health Nurse  
John Campobasso, PE, Board of Health Inspector  
Edward F. Ryan, Food Service Inspector/Inspector of Milk  
George R. Hoyt, Animal Inspector  
Terri Walden, Secretary

In August, Jane F. Rines, 9 Mill Street, was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the Board created when no candidate ran for the office in the May election. This term expires in 1986.

A regulation was passed in November that all homeowners accessible to the municipal sewer had to connect into the sewer by September 1, 1984 unless they had a subsurface sewage disposal system installed after January 1, 1972 that could be certified as being in proper working order. This certification has to be submitted by May 15, 1984 and gives the homeowner until June 11, 1987 before mandatory connection into the municipal sewer.

On December 1, 1983, John Campobasso retired as the Board of Health Inspector. The Board was extremely fortunate to have had Mr. Campobasso's expertise as a registered professional engineer and expresses gratitude for his dedicated service.

Robert F. Roy submitted his resignation as a member of the Board after eight years of active membership. Former member Arthur W. Hoyt, 54 Birch Meadow Road, was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill Mr. Roy's unexpired term until May, 1984.

Scott Dickinson, Haverhill, was appointed by the Board as the new Board of Health Inspector and assumed his duties January 1, 1984.

| Permits and Licenses Issued: | No. | Fee/<br>License | Total            |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| Disposal Works Installers    |     |                 |                  |
| Permits                      | 10  | \$40.00         | 400.00           |
| Permits to Pump/Clean        |     |                 |                  |
| Septic Systems               | 1   | 15.00           | 15.00            |
| Disposal Works Construction  |     |                 |                  |
| Permits - New                | 4   | 40.00           | 160.00           |
| Disposal Works Construction  |     |                 |                  |
| Permits - Repair             | 8   | 15.00           | 120.00           |
| Well Inspections             | 7   | 60.00           | 420.00           |
| Food Service/Milk Permits    |     |                 | 31.00            |
|                              |     |                 | <hr/> \$1,146.00 |

Respectfully submitted,  
CONSTANCE A. HOYT,  
Chairman



### **Disposal Works Installer's Permits Issued - 1984**

- 1 - 84 Robert Stewart, 47 Railroad Street, Bradford, MA 01830
- 2 - 84 Chester E. Bearce, Inc. P.O. Box 225, Newton, N.H. 03858
- 3 - 84 Dennis J. Sabatino, 43 Meditation Lane, Atkinson,  
N.H. 03811
- 4 - 84 Senter Brothers, Inc., P.O. Box 847, Plaistow, N.H. 02865
- 5 - 84 Henry D. Lay, 59 W. Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

### **Permits to Clean and/or Pump Septic Tanks or Cesspools**

- 1 - 84 Robert Stewart, 47 Railroad Street, Bradford, MA 01830
- 2 - 84 Robert Eaton, Newton Road, Amesbury, MA 01913

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Constance A. Hoyt,  
Chairman  
Birch Meadow Road  
346-9230 Bus: 735-5671

Scott Dickinson,  
Sanitary Agent  
Town Office  
346-8825 Home: 372-5050

Arthur Hoyt  
Birch Meadow Road  
346-8963

Eileen Stepanian, Town Nurse  
23 E. Main Street  
346-8035

Jane Rines  
9 Mill Street  
346-8850

Edward F. Ryan, Food Svc./  
Milk Inspector  
98 Birch Meadow  
346-9433

Terri Walden, Secretary  
20 E. Main Street  
346-8825

George Hoyt, Inspector of Animals  
Birch Meadow Road  
346-8673

## **REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Merrimac Housing Authority is happy to report to you for the Year 1983.

The Housing Authority manages a total of 76 units.

- 48 Units 667 Elderly at Merri Village
- 4 Units 705 Large Family Housing - Scattered Site
- 5 Units 707 Scattered Site - State Rental Assistance

19 Units    Sec. 8    Scattered Site - Federal Rental Assistance

During the year, the Merrimac Housing installed a new Merri Village sign in front of the Community Hall. Also completed were traffic pattern Enter and Exit signs. Three new parking spaces were cut out and hot topped for added tenant parking. Three buildings were given an added 6 inches of insulation paid with a special grant. The Merrimac Electric Light Department funded an energy audit in May for the Authority which proved to be very helpful in its many ways of conserving energy.

The Merrimac Housing Authority desires to serve all Merrimac residents with housing related problems. The staff is always available to assist in person or by phone.

At the present time, the authority wishes to hear from anyone in the Town in need of housing or contemplating a need in the foreseeable future. At present, the elderly waiting list of Merrimac residents 65 or older has become very short.

The Authority wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Assessors, the Town Clerk in particular, the fine Town Police Department and the citizens of Merrimac for continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES E. CONNOR  
Executive Director

The following is a list of the Merrimac Housing Authority Board members, their home addresses and present term of office.

|                                                      |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Barbara Arbour                                       | Chairman        |
| 41 School Street, Merrimac, Mass. 01860              |                 |
| Term expires: May, 1986                              |                 |
| Betty Ann Matanis                                    | Vice-Chairman   |
| 5 B Greenleaf Park, Merrimac, Mass. 01860            |                 |
| Term expires: May, 1985                              |                 |
| Virginia Raynes                                      | Treasurer       |
| 27 School Street, Merrimac, Mass. 01860              |                 |
| Term expires: May, 1987                              |                 |
| William D. Vance                                     | Vice-Treasurer  |
| 8 Locust Street, Merrimac, Mass. 01860               |                 |
| Term expires: May, 1988                              |                 |
| Dorothy E. Olson                                     | Member-at-Large |
| 57 West Main Street, Merrimac, Mass. 01860           |                 |
| Term expires: June, 1983 (Governor's Appt. Holdover) |                 |



## ANNUAL MEETING: June 15, 1983

Meetings during 1982:

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Regular monthly meetings | 11 |
| Special meetings         | 1  |

### PROGRAMS

| Units | State Financed                                   | State Subsidized               |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 48    | 667-1 Elderly Housing                            | Initial Occupancy - May, 1974  |
| 4     | 705-1 Large Family Housing                       | Initial Occupancy - Mar., 1983 |
| 5     | 707 Rental Assistance Program<br>Scattered Sites | Inception, May 1, 1975         |

### Federal Financed

|    |                                                        |                           |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 19 | Section 8 Scattered Sites<br>Rental Assistance Program | Inception, August 1, 1978 |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|

### STAFF

|                  |                    |             |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| James E. Connor  | Executive Director | (part-time) |
| Norma A. Cheney  | Secretary          | (part-time) |
| Florent Gosselin | Maintenance        | (part-time) |

The Authority accepts all applications for its projects with the following priorities:

### Priority

- One - Displaced by natural forces
- Two - Displaced by Public Action
- Three - Displaced under LHA lease commitment
- Four - Transfers for good cause
- Five - Standard applications

| Number of persons<br>in household | Annual Net Income Limit<br>State Subsidized |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| one                               | \$12,152.00                                 |
| two                               | 13,888.00                                   |
| three                             | 15,624.00                                   |
| four                              | 17,360.00                                   |
| five                              | 18,445.00                                   |
| six                               | 19,530.00                                   |
| seven                             | 20,615.00                                   |
| eight                             | 21,700.00                                   |



| Number of persons<br>in household | Gross Income Limits<br>Federal Programs |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| one                               | \$15,900.00                             |
| two                               | 18,200.00                               |
| three                             | 20,450.00                               |
| four                              | 22,700.00                               |
| five                              | 24,150.00                               |
| six                               | 25,550.00                               |
| seven                             | 27,000.00                               |
| eight                             | 28,400.00                               |
| Assets not to exceed \$15,000.00  |                                         |

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present herewith their 107th annual report.

A high level of programs and services was maintained. Joint efforts with community agencies such as the PTO, Senior Center and schools continued. Activities included a balloon launch for National Library Week, A babysitting course, an adult program on “Birthing Alternatives”, a magic show for all ages performed by two local youngsters, and a monthly film program at the Council on Aging.

Merrimac’s talented residents provided many attractive and interesting temporary displays which included stenciling, soccer memorabilia, hand made baskets, and Ukrainian eggs.

The Friends of the Library were energetic and successful with their fundraising efforts. They also participated in “Old Home Day” with a book sale and button making activity.

A reception was held for Mrs. Eida V. Jervy, Chairperson of the Board, who resigned after serving over eighteen years as a Library Trustee. We again express our thanks for her dedication and work throughout the years.

The vacancy was filled by William G. Dwyer and John M. Cyran was elected Chairperson.

The Children’s Department had several changes in personnel. Suzanne Zilembo resigned in January 1983 and had been employed since February 1981. Cecilia Buckles was employed from January 1983 to September 1983. The current children’s librarian is Denise DiLorenzo.

The library is continuing to accommodate the constraints imposed by Proposition 2½. Future adjustments may involve some reduction in the hours the library is open, or in the quantity of materials purchased. The Trustees and staff are making every effort to maintain the present high level of service.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all donors, display lenders and patrons for their continued support.

Special thanks to Tony Flynn who earned part of his Eagle Scout requirement by providing clean up services inside and outside the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN M. CRYAN, Chairperson  
NANETTE P. BECKER  
SUSAN M. COBURN  
WILLIAM G. DWYER  
JEFFREY W. HOYT  
E. ELIZABETH PITTMAN

STATISTICS, 1982

| Circulation            | Adults | Juveniles | Total  |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Books & Periodicals    | 16,313 | 10,751    | 27,064 |
| Audio-Visual           | 305    | 923       | 1,228  |
| Acquisitions           |        |           |        |
| Purchased Books        | 686    | 407       | 1,093  |
| Purchased Audio-Visual | —      | 9         | 9      |
| Donations              | 78     | 1         | 79     |
| Inventory              |        |           |        |
| Books                  | 12,866 | 6,488     | 19,354 |
| Audio-Visual           | 471    | 444       | 915    |

|                                                                   |       |     |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| <b>Loans To:</b>                                                  |       |     |       |
| Schools                                                           | —     | 544 | 544   |
| Merrimac Child Care Center                                        | —     | 414 | 414   |
| <b>Loans From:</b>                                                |       |     |       |
| Bookmobile                                                        | 1,001 | 329 | 1,330 |
| Inter-Library Loan                                                | 117   | 4   | 121   |
| BPL Films                                                         | 10    | 43  | 53    |
| <b>Registrations</b>                                              | 265   | 55  | 320   |
| <b>Deposits - Fines</b> \$466.50 Returned to E & D account by law |       |     |       |
| <b>Donors</b>                                                     | 18    | —   | 18    |
| <b>Exhibits</b>                                                   | 10    | 5   | 15    |
| <b>Events - Number of Sessions</b>                                |       |     |       |
| Storyhours                                                        | —     | 21  | 21    |
| School Visits                                                     | —     | 19  | 19    |
| Film Programs                                                     | 6     | 4   | 10    |
| Special Events                                                    | 8     | 3   | 11    |
| Community Meetings                                                | 23    | 2   | 25    |

|                                            |                   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>Library Trustees who Served in 1983</b> |                   |  |  |
| Nanette P. Becker                          | term expires 1985 |  |  |
| 59 Locust St.                              |                   |  |  |
| Susan M. Coburn                            | 1985              |  |  |
| 42 River Rd.                               |                   |  |  |
| John M. Cryan                              | 1984              |  |  |
| 102 River Rd.                              |                   |  |  |
| William G. Dwyer                           | 1984              |  |  |
| 15 Middle Rd.                              |                   |  |  |
| Jeffrey W. Hoyt                            | 1986              |  |  |
| 74 Birchmeadow Rd.                         |                   |  |  |
| E. Elizabeth Pittman                       | 1986              |  |  |
| 49 West Main St.                           |                   |  |  |



# REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC LIGHT AND WATER BOARD

## Board of Selectmen

Below is a list of Board of Light & Water Commissioners names and addresses and term expiration dates.

- |                                               |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Lawrence Hardy, Broad St., Merrimac, MA    | 1984 |
| 2. Robert Sayers, 15 Walnut St., Merrimac, MA | 1985 |
| 3. Wilbur Wallace, North St., Merrimac, MA    | 1986 |

Sincerely.  
RAYMOND J. BASTARACHE  
Manager

## MERRIMAC MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT INCOME STATEMENT

Jan. 1, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1983

### Revenue: Sale of Electricity

|                  |              |              |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Residential      | 729,684.53   |              |
| General Service  | 298,243.51   |              |
| Streetlighting   | 13,740.76    |              |
| Outdoor Lighting | 13,565.46    |              |
| Total            | 1,055,234.26 |              |
| Less Bad Debts   | 5,102.65     |              |
| Total Sales      |              | 1,050,131.61 |

### Revenue: Miscellaneous

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest Received    | 18,278.46 |           |
| Miscellaneous Income | 5,789.45  |           |
| Rental Income        | 4,797.72  |           |
| Total Miscellaneous  |           | 28,865.63 |

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Total Revenue | 1,078,997.24 |
|---------------|--------------|

|                            |            |              |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Operating Expenses         |            |              |
| Power Supply               | 897,736.98 |              |
| Funded Depreciation        | 30,426.45  |              |
| Distribution Maintenance   | 44,006.63  |              |
| Distribution Operations    | 8,519.59   |              |
| Meter Reading & Testing    | 9,936.31   |              |
| Recordkeeping & Collection | 21,619.12  |              |
| Office Salaries            | 26,488.07  |              |
| Employee Pension & Benefit | 18,687.09  |              |
| Transportation Expense     | 5,344.38   |              |
| Injury & Damages           | 330.00     |              |
| Regulatory Commission Exp. | 1,180.63   |              |
| Office Supplies & Expense  | 4,140.71   |              |
| Property Insurance         | 7,977.00   |              |
| General Expense            | 2,903.77   |              |
| Outside Services           | 8,520.80   |              |
| Rents                      | 2,400.00   |              |
| Plant Maintenance          | 180.43     |              |
|                            | <hr/>      |              |
| Total Expenses             |            | 1,090,397.96 |
|                            |            | <hr/>        |
| Loss for 1983              |            | (11,400.72)  |

Respectfully submitted,  
**RAYMOND J. BASTARACHE**  
Manager

## BALANCE SHEET

### December 31, 1983

|                             |              |            |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Assets:                     |              |            |
| Plant at Cost               | 1,068,471.86 |            |
|                             | <hr/>        |            |
| Accumulated Depreciation    | 419,375.39   |            |
|                             | <hr/>        |            |
| Depreciation Value of Plant |              | 649,096.47 |
| Cash for Operations         |              | 3,313.35   |
| Investments                 |              | 719.17     |
| Capital Improvements Funds  |              | 172,866.61 |
| Special Deposits            |              | 6,475.19   |
| Accounts Receivable         |              | 24,166.91  |
| Materials & Supplies        |              | 15,001.94  |
|                             |              | <hr/>      |
| Total Assets                |              | 871,639.64 |
|                             |              | <hr/>      |

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Liabilities:               |                   |
| Accounts Payable           | 165,845.71        |
| Customer Deposits          | 9,728.54          |
| Construction Contributions | 1,595.64          |
| Customer Liabilities       | 529.50            |
| Total Liabilities          | <u>177,699.39</u> |
| Net Worth                  | <u>693,940.25</u> |

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND J. BASTARACHE  
Manager

**MERRIMAC WATER DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue             |                   |
| Water - Residential | 146,466.78        |
| Water - Commercial  | 8,778.19          |
| Water - Municipal   | 1,596.64          |
| Miscellaneous       | <u>4,216.72</u>   |
| Total Revenue       | 161,058.33        |
| Committed Tax Lien  | 4,238.35          |
| Grand Total         | <u>165,296.68</u> |

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Expenditures                     |           |
| Managers Salary                  | 7,956.36  |
| Office Salary                    | 4,488.00  |
| Water Crew Ages                  | 36,559.57 |
| Office Supplies                  | 5,292.55  |
| Fuel - Heat                      | 1,399.52  |
| Power Purchased                  | 10,660.19 |
| Stock                            | 22,135.62 |
| Transportation                   | 2,713.35  |
| Engineering                      | 1,837.35  |
| Real Estate Taxes (Newton, N.H.) | 851.20    |
| Bacterial Testing                | 1,052.74  |
| Roadway & Excavation             | 2,611.68  |



|                               |                   |                  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Miscellaneous Expenses        | 617.17            |                  |
| Commissioners Salary          | <u>1,200.00</u>   |                  |
| Total Direct Expenses         |                   | 99,375.30        |
| Water Dept. Bonds             |                   |                  |
| \$480,000 Issued 1-15-74      | 40,290.00         |                  |
| \$115,000 Issued 7-15-74      | 11,525.00         |                  |
| \$138,500 Issued              | 21,925.00         |                  |
| \$ 30,000 Issued              | <u>10,500.00</u>  |                  |
| Total Bond Cost               |                   | <u>84,240.00</u> |
| Grand Total Expense & Bond    |                   | 183,615.30       |
| Water Dept. Profit (Loss)     |                   | (18,318.62)      |
| Special Appropriation for Van | 8,900.00          |                  |
| Purchase of Van               | <u>(8,900.00)</u> |                  |
| Balance                       | —0—               |                  |

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND J. BASTARACHE  
Manager

## REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
The Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

All athletic fields at Locust Street were fertilized and rolled during the 1983 season. All infields were roto-tilled and filled with a new mixture. Areas were seeded as needed. The Merrimac Athletic Association under the direction of Ed Davis installed lights at the Little League field. The Commission wishes to thank Barney Hume for providing the equipment to roll the fields. The efforts of the Merrimac Athletic Association and the Merrimac team of the Northeast League were also appreciated.

Indian Head Park was maintained daily, and sand was added to the beach front. Gate duty was increased from just week-ends and holidays to also include the end of June and the month of July. The Commission appreciates all of the help given by Chief Flynn and his department to our gate keepers. The Commission also thanks the Highway Department for their help.

Carey Park was mowed weekly and was also fertilized.

The Supervised Play Program was again under the most capable leadership of David W. Riley. Activities included arts, crafts, and sports, with competition provided by the West Newbury playground members. Also, many day trips were part of the program. The Commission wishes to express their appreciation to the Merrimac Lions Club for their continued financial support of this program. Also, our thanks go to the McGregor-Smith Bus Company.

The soccer field at Town Forest was fertilized twice and mowed. Areas were seeded as necessary. Games will be scheduled for this spring, and a dedication will be held. The Commission thanks those townspeople and members of the Soccer Club who continued to have "work parties" at this site.

William Bickford, chairman and long-time member of the Commission, retired this year, and his dedication and hard work will be missed. The Commission established a Sportsmanship Award in his name to be given to a Babe Ruth A team member. Christopher Drolet was the first recipient.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express appreciation to the employees for their efforts and to all the residents of Merrimac who helped by giving up their time and labor on behalf of the youth of our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY E. PARRY, Chairman  
JOHN WILLIAM, Secretary  
LEON B. SMITH, Member  
WAYNE BICKFORD, Member  
DANIEL GULEZIAN, Jr., Member

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the Year 1983.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES For the Year 1983

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| General Services                      | 5,951 |
| Criminal Homicide                     | 1     |
| Forcible Rape                         | 1     |
| Aggravated Assault                    | 4     |
| Breaking and Entering                 | 86    |
| Larceny                               | 70    |
| Stolen Motor Vehicles                 | 16    |
| Recovered Motor Vehicles              | 14    |
| Non-Aggravated Assault                | 3     |
| Arson and Bombing                     | 1     |
| Receiving Stolen Property             | 1     |
| Vandalism                             | 200   |
| Weapons Violations                    | 16    |
| Sex Offenses                          | 10    |
| Drug Law Violations                   | 7     |
| Offenses Against Family and Children  | 2     |
| Violation of Liquor Laws              | 8     |
| Disorderly Conduct                    | 3     |
| Operating Under the Influence Alcohol | 19    |
| Officer Field Investigations          | 208   |
| General Offenses                      | 35    |
| Trepassing                            | 19    |
| Civil Complaints                      | 20    |
| Juvenile Offenses                     | 17    |
| Town By-Law Violations                | 32    |
| Missing Persons                       | 11    |
| Missing Property                      | 110   |
| General Disturbances                  | 48    |
| Family Disturbances                   | 53    |
| Gathering Disturbances                | 159   |
| Child/Youth in Street                 | 6     |



|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Noise Complaints                       | 166 |
| Annoying Phone Calls                   | 39  |
| Suspicious Activity                    | 333 |
| Officer Wanted                         | 766 |
| Escorts                                | 26  |
| Prisoner Transports                    | 3   |
| Assist Citizens                        | 303 |
| Transfer Assists                       | 37  |
| Breakdown Assists                      | 14  |
| Building Checks                        | 259 |
| Message Deliveries                     | 464 |
| Animal Complaints                      | 374 |
| Assist Municipal Agencies              | 285 |
| Highway Department                     | 150 |
| Light and Water Department             | 105 |
| State Department of Public Works       | 30  |
| Emergency Services                     | 5   |
| Ambulance Calls                        | 192 |
| Medical Services                       | 7   |
| Reported Death                         | 2   |
| Incapacitated Persons                  | 11  |
| Fire Alarms                            | 100 |
| Burglar Alarms                         | 181 |
| Assist Other Police Departments        | 526 |
| Motor Vehicle Complaints               | 956 |
| Unlawful Operation of a Motor Vehicle  | 2   |
| Radar Assignment                       | 9   |
| Speeding Complaints                    | 25  |
| Leaving the Scene of an Accident       | 23  |
| Personal Injury                        | 2   |
| Property Damage                        | 21  |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                | 38  |
| Fatals                                 | 2   |
| Personal Injury                        | 36  |
| Motor Vehicle Accident Property Damage | 91  |
| Traffic Control                        | 33  |
| Abandoned Motor Vehicles               | 70  |
| Intra Department Services              | 114 |
| Servicing Cruiser                      | 116 |
| Motor Vehicle Pursuits                 | 8   |

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Citations Issued       | 491 |
| Warnings               | 18  |
| Summons                | 434 |
| Arrests                | 39  |
| Summons Served         | 24  |
| Days in Superior Court | 4   |
| Days in District Court | 101 |

**NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1983**

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Male Residents                | 17 |
| Male Residents (Juvenile)     | 1  |
| Female Residents              | 2  |
| Male Non-Residents            | 42 |
| Male Non-Residents (Juvenile) | 3  |
| Female Non-Residents          | 5  |

**PROTECTIVE CUSTODY FOR THE YEAR 1983**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Male Residents       | 5  |
| Male Non-Residents   | 16 |
| Female Non-Residents | 1  |

# COURT DISPOSITIONS

| CATEGORY                                        | NUMBER CHARGED | FINED | DISMISSED | NOT GUILTY | APPEALED | CONTINUED | DYS | HOUSE OF CORRECTION | FILED | RESTITUTION | OTHER                | TOTAL FINES |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Assault & Battery on a Police Officer           | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      | \$50.00     |
| Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon       | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      | \$50.00     |
| Homicide by Motor Vehicle                       | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending            |             |
| Breaking & Entering                             | 3              |       |           |            |          |           | 1   | 1                   |       |             | 1 Pending            |             |
| Larceny                                         | 7              |       |           |            | 2        |           | 1   |                     |       |             | 4 Pending            |             |
| Larceny of a Motor Vehicle                      | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Warrant            |             |
| Receiving Stolen Property                       | 1              |       | 1         |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      |             |
| Possession Cl. D Substance                      | 3              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 1     |             | 1 Prob.<br>1 Pending |             |
| Disorderly Conduct                              | 4              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Prob.<br>2 Pending | \$50.00     |
| Disorderly Person                               | 2              |       | 1         |            |          | 1         |     |                     |       |             |                      |             |
| Malicious Damage to Town Property               | 1              |       |           | 1          |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      |             |
| Wilful & Wanton Injury to Town Property         | 2              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       | 2           |                      |             |
| Discharging a Firearm within 500' of a Dwelling | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      | \$100.00    |
| Procuring Alcohol for a Minor                   | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                      | \$100.00    |
| Trespassing                                     | 3              | 1     |           | 1          | 1        |           |     |                     |       |             |                      | \$50.00     |
| Runaway                                         | 1              |       |           |            |          |           | 1   |                     |       |             |                      |             |
| Minor Transporting Alcohol                      | 4              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 1     |             |                      | \$150.00    |
| Minor in Possession of Alcohol                  | 5              | 2     |           |            |          | 1         |     |                     |       |             | 2 Pending            | \$75.00     |



| CATEGORY                                             | NUMBER CHARGED | FINED | DISMISSED | NOT GUILTY | APPEALED | CONTINUED | DYS | HOUSE OF CORRECTION | FILED | RESTITUTION | OTHER                          | TOTAL FINES |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Under the Influence of Liquor              | 19             | 2     |           | 2          | 1        | 2         |     | 1                   |       |             | 4 ASAP<br>6 Pending<br>1 Prob. | \$400.00    |
| Operating Motor Vehicle after Revocation of License  | 5              | 1     |           | 1          | 1        |           |     |                     |       |             | 2 Pending                      | \$100.00    |
| Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle                  | 2              |       | 1         |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending                      |             |
| Illegal Attachment of Plates                         | 2              |       |           |            | 1        |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending                      |             |
| Operating as to Endanger                             | 9              | 3     |           |            |          | 2         |     | 1                   |       |             | 3 Pending                      | \$350.00    |
| Failure to Stop for a Police Officer                 | 3              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 1     |             | 2 Pending                      |             |
| Leaving the Scene of an Accident                     | 3              |       |           |            | 1        | 1         |     |                     |       |             | 1 Nol<br>Prost                 |             |
| Operating Motor Vehicle Recklessly                   | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Lic.<br>Surr.                |             |
| Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle                 | 10             | 7     | 1         |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 2 Pending                      | \$175.00    |
| Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle                    | 7              | 1     | 1         | 2          |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 3 Pending                      | \$100.00    |
| Motor Vehicle Trespass                               | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending                      |             |
| Failure to Slow for a Pedestrian, Accident Resulting | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                | \$25.00     |
| Left of Way                                          | 12             | 6     |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 2     |             | 4 Pending                      | \$140.00    |
| Following to Close                                   | 2              | 2     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                | \$45.00     |
| Failure to Notify RMV of Change of Address           | 4              | 3     | 1         |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                | \$75.00     |

| CATEGORY                                             | NUMBER CHARGED | FINED | DISMISSED | NOT GUILTY | APPEALED | CONTINUED | DYS | HOUSE OF CORRECTION | FILED | RESTITUTION | OTHER       | TOTAL FINES |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Failure to Use Caution at an Intersection            | 2              | 2     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$50.00     |
| Failure to Use Caution Stopping, Starting or Turning | 5              | 4     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Not Resp. | \$100.00    |
| Failure to Keep to the Right                         | 4              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 1     |             |             | \$65.00     |
| Failure to Stop at a Posted Stop Sign                | 6              | 6     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$125.00    |
| Failure to Stay within Marked Lanes                  | 3              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$65.00     |
| Not Properly Registered                              | 4              | 4     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$100.00    |
| Not Keeping License Plate Clean                      | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$25.00     |
| Passing in a No Passing Zone                         | 4              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending   | \$65.00     |
| Improper Starting of a Motor Vehicle                 | 3              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$70.00     |
| Operating a Motorcycle without a License             | 3              | 3     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$75.00     |
| No Valid Inspection Sticker                          | 29             | 27    |           |            |          |           |     |                     | 1     |             | 1 Not Resp. | \$850.00    |
| Not Displaying Number Plate Properly                 | 4              | 4     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$95.00     |
| Permitting Operation without Proper Equipment        | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$25.00     |
| Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle                 | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Pending   |             |
| Excessive Smoke                                      | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$100.00    |
| Not a Proper Muffler                                 | 2              | 2     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$50.00     |
| Not With Proper Plates                               | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |             | \$25.00     |

| CATEGORY                                     | NUMBER CHARGED | FINED | DISMISSED | NOT GUILTY | APPEALED | CONTINUED | DYS | HOUSE OF CORRECTION | FILED | RESTITUTION | OTHER                                                                                    | TOTAL FINES |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| No Possession of Learner's Permit or License | 2              | 2     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$50.00     |
| Motorcycle Not Designed for Passengers       | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$25.00     |
| Not Displaying Proper Lights                 | 1              |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 1 Not Resp.                                                                              |             |
| Operating Unregistered Motorcycle            | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$25.00     |
| Operating without a License in Possession    | 36             | 26    | 2         |            |          | 2         |     |                     | 4     |             | 2 Pending                                                                                | \$715.00    |
| No Glasses, Goggles or Face Shield           | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$25.00     |
| Defective Equipment                          | 33             | 29    | 1         |            |          | 1         |     |                     | 1     |             | 1 Pending                                                                                | \$725.00    |
| No Registration in Possession                | 19             | 15    | 1         |            |          | 1         |     |                     | 1     |             | 1 Pending                                                                                | \$400.00    |
| Improper Passing                             | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$20.00     |
| Making Unnecessary Noise                     | 1              | 1     |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             |                                                                                          | \$20.00     |
| Excessive Speed                              | 359            | 346   | 3         | 1          | 2        |           |     |                     | 2     |             | 5 Not Resp.                                                                              | \$11245.00  |
| On Warrants                                  | 11             |       |           |            |          |           |     |                     |       |             | 6 Merrimac PD<br>2 State Police<br>1 Civil Complaint<br>1 Framingham PD<br>1 Amesbury PD |             |



1983 was an eventful year with changes of personnel and leadership within the Police Department.

In January, Sgt. Alfred Nichols retired after fourteen years of excellent and dedicated service to the Town and will be sorely missed. At that time no replacement was named and the Department is currently without a Sargeant.

Also in January, Patrolman David A. Chambers resigned and later in the year Patrolman David J. Vance was hired to fill the vacancy.

In April, Chief Donald J. Montigny retired on a disability and I was named to the position of Acting Chief. Once again no replacement was named to fill the vacancy and with Patrolman Vance attending the Academy, the Reserve Officers were heavily relied upon to fill the void. Despite the wages and for the most part working alone, they performed excellently.

Over half of the Reserve Officers attended the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy for Reserves held at Topsfield for fourteen weeks at their own expense and I would like to congratulate them on their success. The entire Town benefits with any training programs that the men attend.

In 1983 we began a child fingerprinting program for the children of the Town and the turnout was enormous. We intend to make this an annual program and look foward to seeing parents take advantage of this.

Despite manpower shortages and budgetary limitations, the Police Department attempted to maintain a high standard of service and professionalism that the Townspeople expect and we feel deserve. With projected budgetary cuts expected for the upcoming fiscal year, we will be sorely pressed to maintain quality service for the Town, but we will make every effort to perform to our best.

I would like to thank you for your support of the Department during 1983 and extend special thanks to the other Town Departments for all the co-operation and assistance they have provided for us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES A. FLYNN, Jr.  
Chief of Police

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS**

### **Chief**

James A. Flynn, Jr., Appointed 01-24-1984

### **Chief**

Donald J. Montigny, Retired 04-25-1983

### **Sergeant**

Alfred Nichols, Retired 01-30-1983

### **Permanent Full-Time Police Officers**

David E. Chambers, Resigned 01-30-1983

Richard D. Smith

Roland L. Spinney

David J. Vance, Appointed 05-31-1983

### **Special Police Officers**

Edward A. Cardone, Jr.

Kenneth W. Dow

Arthur D. Evans

Scott D. Maker, Appointed 10-11-1983

Richard G. Noone

Brian W. Peavey

James M. Seymour

Nolan D. Shaw

Ralph W. Spencer, Appointed 10-11-1983

Edward Syvinski

### **Clerk-Dispatcher**

Linda A. Seymour

### **Dispatchers (Full-Time)**

Marilyn A. Darbe

Kenneth W. Dow

Catherine A. Hitchcock, Appointed 09-12-1983

Nolan D. Shaw, Resigned 09-14-1983

### **Dispatchers (Part-Time)**

Virginia P. Heath

Scott D. Maker, Appointed 10-03-1983

Betty Ann Matanis

Roseane M. Ryerson-Meuse

Nolan D. Shaw, Appointed 09-14-1983

**Matrons**

Marilyn A. Darbe  
Rachel L. Adams  
Virginia P. Heath  
Betty Ann Matanis  
Linda A. Seymour

**Crossing Guards**

Rachel L. Adams  
Lottie J. Gouthier  
Margaret Cynan, Resigned 08-26-1983  
Virginia P. Heath, Appointed 09-06-1983  
Catherine A. Hitchcock, Appointed 09-06-1983, Resigned 09-19-1983  
Gale P. Keohane, Resigned 08-27-1983, Appointed 09-12-1983  
Charles A. Griggs, Reserve  
Joyce E. Nevins, Reserve

**Janitor**

Robert O. Boucher, Appointed 10-17-1983

**Janitor**

Joseph P. Lucey, Resigned 10-24-1983

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Sewer Pipeline Contracts II, III, and IV as well as Contract I for the Treatment Plant have been completed and final payments have been made to the contractors. Pipeline Contract V is 99% complete.

The Betterment invoices were mailed to the abutters in September. The total amount billed was \$522,766.48, of this \$188,147.18 plus \$9,728.34 in interest have been collected.

Sewer Use charges collected in 1983, were \$50,412.53.



On December 28, 1983, the final inspection was made by the Corps of Engineers for EPA and they found all contracts were completed to their specifications.

Request for final grant inspection and close out will be made in the first quarter of 1984.

Out of a possible 730 buildings, 520 are now connected to the system. The Board of Sewer Commissioners would like to urge all abutters who are not presently connected to the system to do so to guarantee the clean up of Cobblers Brook.

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Respectfully submitted,     |                   |
| ROBERT L. SPINNEY, Chairman | Term expires 1985 |
| EVERETT L. COSSAR           | 1984              |
| GORDON A. RINES             | 1986              |

**REPORT OF THE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Merrimac Conservation Commission has met regularly during the year. In addition, we have conducted hearings, observed several situations in the field, and responded to numerous questions about the Wetlands Act. (Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40). This is the law which provides for our existence and in turn for the protection of the town’s wetlands and for a means of vigilance over potentially harmful activity or conditions.

We would like to thank the citizens for their cooperation and for the pride that they take in keeping Merrimac environmentally sound and in keeping the quality of life high. We remind that the Wetlands Protections Act has been designed for the benefit of the entire community. That means that every citizen is required to notify the Commission if he or she plans to alter in any way a wetland or a fragile area adjacent to a wetland (usually within 100 feet). In the same vein, every citizen has a right to petition through the Act (and the Commisison) if he or she feels that a situation applies and needs to be corrected.

We on the Commission stand ready to serve you.

Respectfully,  
Conservation Commission

### **Conservation Commission List of Members**

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Allan L. Pollock, Chairman | 1985 |
| Ronald Shaw                | 1985 |
| Robert Topitzer            | 1985 |
| Bruce D. Evans             | 1986 |
| Alan Dustin                | 1986 |
| Nathan Tufts               | 1984 |
| Walter S. Perkins          | 1984 |

### **Town Forest Committee List of Members**

Alan Dustin, Co-Chairman  
Robert Topitzer, Co-Chairman  
Bruce D. Evans  
Ruth Parker  
John Willman

## **REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC ARTS COUNCIL**

In 1983, the Merrimac Arts Council received \$2,201 from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council. This sum was allocated to the town on a per capita basis from proceeds of MEGABUCKS ticket sales.

For the period beginning July 1, 1983 the following grants were made: Council on Aging, beginning Oil Painting class; Merrimac Public Schools, Art-in-the Schools program; Lancaster Brass Quintet, a one hour concert to be performed on Old Home Day; and the Merrimac Arts Council, Old Home Day expenses.

This Year's Old Home Day was expanded to include a contra dance, chicken barbecue, a presentation by the Sweet Adelines and food sales, in addition to the preivious year's parade, crafts exhibits and children's activities.

The council wishes to thank all individuals and organizations in Merrimac for their support in making the day a success.

In October, 1983 the Council received a second grant to be distributed among applicants for projects undertaken during the period January 1, 1984 - June 30, 1984. Recipients of the grants are: Council on Aging, music appreciation series; Friends of the Library, Museum of Fines Arts passes; Kay Hogan, pen and ink scenes of Merrimac; Merrimac Music Parents, funds to purchase used musical instruments; William Smith, series of photos of Merrimac; and the Merrimac Arts Council, bus rental for a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

MARILYN RANDALL, Chairman  
LIL BURGNER  
LAURIE DANIELS  
KAREN FRANSON  
WILLIAM RAPER  
PEG TOPITZER  
TERRI WALDEN  
KAREN ZACHARIS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk for the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1983:

| BIRTHS                               |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Births recorded            | 56 |
| Males                                | 27 |
| Females                              | 29 |
| Father, Native Born                  | 55 |
| Mother, Native Born                  | 54 |
| Father and Mother, Both Native Born  | 53 |
| Father and Mother, Both Foreign Born | 0  |
| Mixed Parentage                      | 3  |



## MARRIAGES

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of Marriages recorded | 34                     |
| First Marriage of Groom      | 27                     |
| First Marriage of Bride      | 25                     |
| Groom, Native Born           | 33                     |
| Bride, Native Born           | 33                     |
| Groom, Foreign Born          | 1                      |
| Bride, Foreign Born          | 1                      |
| Average age of Groom         | 28 yrs. 6 mos. 16 days |
| Average age of Bride         | 27 yrs. 0 mos. 5 days  |

## DEATHS

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of Deaths recorded | 46                     |
| Males                     | 30                     |
| Females                   | 16                     |
| Under five years          | 2                      |
| Males, Native Born        | 23                     |
| Females, Native Born      | 15                     |
| Of Native Parentage       | 24                     |
| Of Mixed Parentages       | 12                     |
| Average Age               | 66 yrs. 10 mos. 5 days |
| Oldest Persons            | One age 96, One Age 97 |

## LICENSES

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Dogs Licenses          | 229 |
| Males                            | 98  |
| Females                          | 131 |
| Kennel Licenses                  | 2   |
| Sporting Licenses Issued         | 191 |
| Minor's Sporting Licenses Issued | 8   |

As of January 1, 1983 the Jury List for the Town of Merrimac, Mass., has been drawn by the State Jury Commissioners in Boston, and has not been drawn by the Selectmen since that date.

Respectfully submitted,  
MADELEINE A. LAY  
Town Clerk

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the  
Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

I hereby submit my report as Treasurer of the Town of Merrimac  
for the year ending December 31, 1983.

## PROOF OF BALANCE

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash Book Balance - January 1, 1983   | \$ 732,193.90       |
| Receipts - 1983                       | <u>7,459,332.87</u> |
|                                       | \$ 8,191,526.77     |
| Disbursements - 1983                  | \$ 7,604,006.13     |
| Cash Book Balance - December 31, 1982 | <u>587,460.64</u>   |
|                                       | \$ 8,191,526.77     |

## Special Cash - Revenue Sharing

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance - January 1, 1983   | \$ 118,648.33     |
| Receipts - 1983             | <u>92,674.58</u>  |
|                             | \$ 211,322.91     |
| Disbursements - 1983        | \$ 98,133.75      |
| Balance - December 31, 1983 | <u>113,189.16</u> |
|                             | \$ 211,322.91     |

Due to the late setting of the tax rate for fiscal years 1983 and 1984 it was necessary to borrow \$300,000.00 in the spring and \$300,000.00 in the fall in anticipation of tax revenue. The interest on these notes was \$5,669.66. In addition the interest on interim financing for the Sewer Project, Step 3 was \$43,332.52.

Interest earned through investment of General Cash and Revenue Sharing Funds was \$23,292.54. Interest earned through investment of Trust Funds was \$40,661.94, making a total of interest earned of \$63,954.48.

## **TAX TITLE ACCOUNT**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance - January 1, 1983   | \$52,914.40        |
| Added to Account - 1983     | 20,922.26          |
| Payments Received - 1983    | - 31,479.81        |
| Balance - December 31, 1983 | <u>\$42,356.85</u> |

There were 3,137 checks issued manually for payment of bills owed by the town. The total payroll was \$1,429,421.58 with 263 persons receiving pay at some time during 1983.

Respectfully submitted,  
GERALDINE A. WALLACE

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Ma.

Submitted herewith is my annual report for the year 1983 - 84.

As Veterans Agent, I have filed all reports with the Commissioner of Veterans Services as required by law. This includes, obtaining authorizations, reimbursements, and maintaining Veterans records. I have taken applications for benefits, issued food orders, and allowed justified payments.

As Graves Officer, I have distributed grave markers, and flags as required. I have also had many personal contacts, phone calls, and have drafted many letters for Veterans and their dependents.

I wish to express my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, and other Town Departments for their cooperation this past year. I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to Mr. David Hitchcock for his guidance.

Respectfully submitted,  
EUGENE W. KELLEHER  
Director of Veterans Services



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1983-84.

The Board was organized as follows:

Edward R. Davis, Chairman

George w. Mutti, Clerk

Edmond L. Hamel, Member

Mildred D. Shelley, Exec. Secretary

## I. Tax Rate Summary

|    |                                        |                |
|----|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| A. | Gross Amount to be Raised              | \$3,504,925.67 |
| B. | Estimated Receipts and Available Funds | 1,936,570.58   |
| C. | Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation    | 1,568,355.09   |
| D. | Tax Rate: \$22.50                      |                |
|    | General \$6.48      School \$16.02     |                |
|    | Real Property Tax                      | \$1,549,610.95 |
|    | Real Property Valuation                | 68,871,415.00  |
|    | Personal Property Tax                  | 18,744.14      |
|    | Personal Property Valuation            | 833,070.00     |
|    | Water Liens Committed                  | 4,136.51       |
|    | Sewer Use Liens Committed              | 260.00         |
|    | Sewer Better Apportioned               | 16,861.23      |
|    | Sewer Interest Apportioned             | 20,230.79      |

## II. Local Expenditures

|    |                           |              |
|----|---------------------------|--------------|
| A. | Appropriations            | 3,395,396.57 |
|    | Debt & Interest matured   | 5,750.00     |
|    | Cherry Sheet Offsets      | 5,062.00     |
|    | State and County Charges  | 63,664.00    |
|    | Overlay                   | 35,053.10    |
| B. | Gross Amount to be Raised | 3,504,925.67 |

### III. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

|                                                                         |            |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| A. Estimated Receipts from State                                        | 892,758.00 |                     |
| B. Prior Year Overestimates                                             | 3,319.00   |                     |
| C. Local Estimated Receipts                                             | 812,010.62 |                     |
| D. Free Cash & Other appropriated (includes Rev. Sharing)               | 215,804.97 |                     |
| E. Free Cash & Other Revenue (FC7677.99) to reduce the Rate (Lt5000.00) | 12,677.99  |                     |
| <b>Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds</b>                     |            | <b>1,936,570.58</b> |

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Valuation of Motor Vehicles 1983     | 5,468,800 |
| No. of Vehicles                      | 4,104     |
| No. Dealer - Repair - Farm Plates    | 17        |
| No. Horses                           | 30        |
| No. Cattle                           | 165       |
| Other Livestock                      | 119       |
| No. Houses (excluding trailer parks) | 1,182     |
| No. Acres                            | 4,567     |

#### Exempt Taxable Property:

##### General Laws

|          |    |         |
|----------|----|---------|
| 59-5-17C | 10 | 79,554  |
| 59-5-18  | 9  | 100,000 |
| 59-5-22  | 50 | 397,750 |
| 59-5-22E | 5  | 119,325 |
| 59-5-37  | 5  | 99,425  |
| 59-5-41  | 29 | 653,929 |

The Department of Revenue approved the Fiscal 1983 rate in April 1983 after the Assessors met all the educational, certification, classification and revaluation requirements. The Board of Assessors have until 1986 to accomplish the next revaluation recertification by a professional firm.

Consequently, after reviewing all new construction and after much delay for a special town meeting to meet the levy limit imposed by the 2½ legislation, the Assessors were able to have a single classified rate for all classes for 1984 certified at \$22.50 on November 14th, 1983 by the Department of Revenue.

Due to State legislative mandates, the Assessors have to start immediately to work toward revaluation approval for 1986 which means interviewing professional appraisal firms, and setting up a program that will meet the state requirements.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and all officials of the Town for their fine cooperation extended to us. We also wish to express our appreciation of assistance by the Bureau of Local Assessment.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| EDWARD R. DAVIS, Chairman | Exp. 1985 |
| GEORGE W. MUTTI           | Exp. 1984 |
| EDMOND L. HAMEL, MAA      | Exp. 1986 |

# REPORT OF THE WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

From: Ruth Parker, Whittier Representative  
Richard M. Kay, Superintendent Director

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its eleventh year. To date, we have graduated 1,842 students from a regular day school program and 511 students from our post secondary courses. Whittier Regional's goal is to train students for profitable employment and to provide social skills that will carry them through life as productive employees and concerned and knowledgeable participants within their communities.

Whittier has just expanded its curriculum offerings by the recent opening of a Whittier Branch of the Family Mutual Savings Bank. It was built by Whittier students. It has been equipped by the Family Mutual Savings Bank, the Mosler Safe Company, and Distribution Associates, Inc. It has added one more curriculum offering to the students at the school and its opening has been enthusiastically received by the students and staff.



Whittier has recently been awarded a grant of \$124,101.00 of federal monies which are administered by the state. This grant will be matched by budgeted monies to offer education in Data Processing and Electronics to one hundred adults. These monies will also be used to upgrade our facility and equipment in Electronics and Data Processing to the return of the State of the Art.

The following is a list of our Day School Programs:

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Air Conditioning &<br>Refrigeration | Drafting               |
| Auto Body                           | Electrical             |
| Auto Repair                         | Fashion Design         |
| Basic Electronics                   | Graphic Communications |
| Carpentry                           | Health Careers         |
| Cabinet Making                      | Interior Design Aide   |
| House Building                      | Machine Shop           |
| Commercial Art                      | Plumbing and Heating   |
| Cosmetology                         | Satellite Program      |
| Culinary Arts                       | Sheet Metal            |
| Data Processing                     | Special Needs          |
| Diesel Machine                      | Trowel Trades          |
| Distributive Education              | Upholstery             |
|                                     | Welding                |

**Post Secondary Programs:**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dental Assistant  | Practical Nurse |
| Medical Assistant |                 |

**Evening School Offerings:**

**Apprentice Classes:**

Machine Shop

**Trade Extension Classes:**

Electrical  
Machine Shop  
Plumbing  
Welding

**Trade Preparatory:**

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Air Conditioning  | Drafting               |
| Auto Body         | Graphic Communications |
| Auto Repair       | Machine Shop           |
| Baking            | Nurses Aide            |
| Basic Electronics | Oil Burner Service     |
| Boat Building     | Small Engine Repair    |

Carpentry  
Culinary Arts  
Data Processing  
Diesel Machine  
Digital Electronics

Sheet Metal  
Trowel Trades  
Typing  
Upholstery  
Welding

**Evening Practical Arts:**

Arts and Crafts  
Chair Caning  
Clothing  
Creative Stitchery  
Draperies & Slipcovers  
Furniture Refinishing  
Interior Decorating

International Foods  
Knitting and Crocheting  
Oil Painting  
Quilting  
Silversmith and Jewelry  
Vestamayd (Oriental Rugs)

The enrollment for the Evening School from your community: 35

The October 1, 1982 Day School Enrollment:

|       |    |         |         |          |
|-------|----|---------|---------|----------|
| Grade | 9  | 21 Boys | 1 Girls |          |
|       | 10 | 13      | 3       |          |
|       | 11 | 20      | 13      |          |
|       | 12 | 17      | 9       | Total 97 |

Post Secondary - 6  
1983 Graduates - 25

The Cost to your community for the school year 1982-1983 was \$125,301.00.

Respectfully yours,  
RUTH PARKER  
Merrimac Representative

RICHARD M. KAY  
Superintendent Director





**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**of the**  
**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**  
**For The Year Ending**  
**December 31, 1983**

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 112th annual printed school report.

BARBARA WARDEN, Chairman  
MARK WELCH, Vice-Chairman  
KARIN BEAUPRE, Secretary  
VICTORIA HAGGSTROM  
VACANCY (As of 2/13/84)

### SCHOOL OFFICERS

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BETTY G. ALLEN, Director of Curriculum  
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RALPH L. WADE, Jr., M.D., School Physician  
Address: 22Cynde Street, Salem, Mass.

ELINOR TERRILE, R.N., School Nurse  
Address: 110 Lakeview Avenue, Haverhill

EDITH A. CONN, R.N., School Nurse  
Address: Harriman Road, Merrimac

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL UNION NO. 53**

To: Selectmen, Town of Merrimac:

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

|                                                                 | Term Expires |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. Norman Cranton, Chairman<br>P.O. Box 814, Groveland         | 1986         |
| Mr. Phillip Carletti, Vice-Chairman<br>45 Pleasant Street, W.N. | 1985         |
| Mrs. Carol Grazio<br>Governors Rd., Groveland                   | 1986         |
| Mr. Richard Sciacca<br>833 Salem St., Groveland                 | 1984         |
| Mrs. Barbara Warden<br>5 Merrimac St., Merrimac                 | 1986         |
| Mrs. Victoria Haggstrom<br>33 Red Oak Acres, Merrimac           | 1986         |
| Mr. Mark Welch<br>Merrimac Rd., Merrimac                        | 1984         |
| Dr. Arthur DiMauro<br>70 Bridge Street, W.N.                    | 1985         |
| Dr. Mary Harada<br>19 Albion Lane, W.N.                         | 1984         |

**SCHOOL UNION NO. 53 SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

|                                                                   | Term Expires |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mr. Phillip Carletti, Chairman<br>45 Pleasant Street, W.N.        | 1985         |
| Mrs. Karin Beaupre, Vice-Chairman<br>19 Union St., Ext., Merrimac | 1985         |
| Mr. Richard Sciacca, Secretary<br>833 Salem St., Groveland        | 1984         |
| Mr. Norman Dugas<br>80 Center St., Groveland                      | 1985         |
| Mr. John Willett<br>111 School St., Groveland                     | 1984         |
| Mrs. Barbara Warden<br>5 Merrimac St., Merrimac                   | 1986         |
| Mr. Mark Welch<br>Merrimac Rd., Merrimac                          | 1984         |
| Mr. Charles Goldstein<br>345 Main Street, W.N.                    | 1986         |
| Dr. Catherine Sanderson<br>32 Prospect Street, W.N.               | 1986         |



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Merrimac School Committee submits this report for the year 1983. For the educational program in Grades 7-12, please turn to the Pentucket Regional School Committee report. For vocational activities in the Whittier Regional Vocational - Technical School, of which this town is a member, please turn to the Whittier report.

Although this Committee is in charge of the Elementary grades only, this Committee summarizes the public school population for which the Town had responsibility (10-1-83).

## Elementary Pupils

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Kindergarten            | 70  |
| Grades 1-6              | 425 |
| Tuitioned Out (Sp. Ed.) | 2   |
| Union #53 Collaborative | 2   |

## Pentucket Regional

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Grades 7-9              | 217 |
| Grades 10-12            | 148 |
| Tuitioned Out (Sp. Ed.) | 2   |

## Whittier Vocational

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Grades 9-12    | 85 |
| Post-Secondary | 2  |

## Essex Agricultural

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Grades 9-12 | 1 |
|-------------|---|

During the 1982-1983 school year, the School Committee was again faced with making hard fiscal and educational program decisions in an effort to continue the high quality of education for Merrimac's children. Several program improvements came about during this year. The Science program was revised throughout the district. New, updated texts were purchased. Teachers from Merrimac were in the forefront in this curriculum undertaking. A Task Force helped to define broadly the beginnings of a fledgling computer instructional program. The P.T.O. supported the beginnings of this program through their purchases of computers for the schools.

A program for gifted and talented students is being developed and the first phase is being implemented through an activity period. The schools were fortunate to have the help of Mr. Leo Joubert, Pharmacist, in the presentation of a drug and alcohol abuse program for grades 4-6. We express our deep appreciation to Mr. Joubert for his time and effort on behalf of the children.

A continuing area of concern to the School Committee is the heating system of the Donaghue School. A sub-committee spent many hours studying this problem and brought forth recommendations for solutions. This matter is still unresolved at this writing. The Committee will continue to give the school plant maintenance issues top priority in the coming months.

The Committee has undertaken a review of its policies during 1982-1983 and, to date, has revised many of them in conformance with state and federal regulations. The Committee invites the public to interact over the issues contained in the policies and urges your attendance at their meetings.

It is our resolve to bring the issues facing public education to your attention during the coming months and we actively solicit your help, support and participation in our schools for the benefit of your children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrimac School Committee  
BARBARA WARDEN, Chairman  
MARK WELCH, Vice-Chairman  
KARIN BEAUPRE, Secretary  
VICTORIA HAGGSTROM  
(Vacancy)

# SCHOOL UNION NO. 53

## APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 1983 - 1984

|            |       |                                                              |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| *September | 6     | Teacher Orientation                                          |
|            | 7     | School Opens                                                 |
| *October   | 3     | Schools Closed (Staff Development)                           |
|            | 10    | Columbus Day - Schools Closed                                |
| November   | 11    | Veterans' Day - Schools Closed                               |
| *          | 18    | Schools Closed (Parent Conferences)                          |
|            | 23    | Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools closed<br>at noon             |
| December   | 23-   |                                                              |
| January    | 2     | Christmas Holiday - Schools closed at noon                   |
|            | 16    | Martin Luther King Day - Schools Closed                      |
| February   | 20-24 | Winter Vacation - Washington's Birthday                      |
| *March     | 16    | Schools Closed (Staff Development)                           |
| April      | 16-20 | Schools Closed - Patriots' Day,<br>Spring Break, Good Friday |
| May        | 28    | Memorial Day - Schools Closed                                |
| June       | 25    | Last Day of School                                           |

Calendar includes 180 instructional days

In-Service ½ Days: Sept. 20, Dec. 7, April 6, May 15

First Grades attend ½ day September 7, 8, 9.

Full day begins September 12

Kindergarten Sessions begin September 12

Marking Periods Close November 10, January 27, April 6

\*184 Teacher Days



DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF FOR 1982 - 1983

| Position                                                 | Name                 | Training                                 | Total<br>Years<br>Experience | Years<br>In<br>Merrimac |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Helen R. Donaghue School &<br>Red Oak School Principal   | Annette A. Autiello  | B.S. Suffolk University 1966             | 18                           | 16                      |
|                                                          | Angela Jervey        | M.Ed. Suffolk University 1982            | 11.6                         | 11.6                    |
| Helen R. Donaghue School &<br>Red Oak School Asst. Prin. | Richard Jervey       | B.S. North Adams State College 1972      | 10                           | 9                       |
|                                                          | Dawn Rae Allen       | B.S. Salem State College 1969            | 16                           | 16                      |
|                                                          | Roy M. Campbell      | B.S. Gordon College 1971                 | 13                           | 13                      |
|                                                          | Mary H. Coughlin     | M.A. Salem State College 1964            | 22                           | 15                      |
|                                                          | Sarah A. McGuirk     | B.S. Salem State College 1979            | 5                            | 3                       |
|                                                          | Nancy W. Deminie     | B.A. University of N.H. 1953             | 25                           | 25                      |
|                                                          | Agnes Dydowicz       | A.B. College of New Rochelle 1962        | 8                            | 6.5                     |
|                                                          | Mary Jane Lane       | B.S. Salem State College 1974            | 10                           | 10                      |
|                                                          | Edward Martin        | B.S. Salem State College 1965            | 18                           | 18                      |
| INTERMEDIATE UNIT:                                       | Rosalie M. Scher     | B.S. Farmington Teachers College         | 17                           | 14                      |
|                                                          | Ann L. Jones         | B.S. Salem State College 1976            | 7.5                          | 5.5                     |
|                                                          | Jean M. Antczak      | B.S. Salem State College 1970            | 14                           | 14                      |
|                                                          | Ellen C. Bettencourt | M.Ed. Suffolk University 1979            | 12                           | 12                      |
|                                                          | Linda M. Brackett    | M.Ed. Suffolk University 1975            | 14                           | 14                      |
|                                                          | Constance L. Gordon  | M.Ed. University of Lowell 1983          | 15                           | 15                      |
|                                                          | Gail F. DiNaro       | B.S. American International College 1967 | 4                            | 3.5                     |
|                                                          | Margaret F. Topitzer | A.B. Merrimack College 1961              | 6                            | 3                       |
|                                                          | Ellen G. Meredith    | M.A. University of Connecticut 1964      | 11                           | 7                       |
|                                                          |                      |                                          |                              |                         |
| PRIMARY UNIT:                                            |                      |                                          |                              |                         |

| Position              | Name                   | Training                            | Total<br>Years<br>Experience | Years<br>In<br>Merrimac |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                       | Barbara M. Taylor      | B.S. Gordon College 1967            | 11                           | 7                       |
|                       | Martha A. Williams     | M.Ed. Suffolk University 1975       | 10                           | 10                      |
|                       | John L. Randall, III   | B.Ed. Keene Teachers College 1962   | 22                           | 15                      |
|                       |                        |                                     | (Resigned 1/17/84)           |                         |
| Art                   | Louise Ourllette       | B.S. Salem State College 1972       | 2                            | 1                       |
| Music                 | Veronica E. Laite      | M.M. Catholic U. of America 1981    | 20                           | 14                      |
| Physical Education    | Brian Locke            | B.S. Bridgewater State College 1978 | 4                            | 4                       |
| Reading Coordinator   | Linda M. Gilmartin     | M.Ed. University of Lowell 1983     | 13                           | 13                      |
| Developmental Class   | Lois B. Cimmino        | M.Ed. Keene State College 1975      | 13                           | 6                       |
| Special Education     | Patricia A. Williamson | B.S. Lesley College 1980            | 3                            | 3                       |
| Special Education     | Karol deAngeli         | B.S. Wheelock College 1976          | 4                            | 1                       |
| Special Education     | Brenda Helinski        | B.S. Keene State College 1979       | 11                           | 4                       |
| Special Education     | Sharon E. Haverly      | B.S. Fitchburg State College 1979   | 4                            | 3                       |
| T.P.M.H.              | M. Susan Belmont       | M.Ed. University of Lowell 1979     | 8                            | 6.4                     |
| Adjustment Counselor  | Lucia A. DePamphilis   | M.Ed. Salem State College 1970      | 15                           | 15                      |
| District Psychologist | Carol Vatz             | C.A.G.S. Boston University 1974     | 8                            | 4                       |
| Speech Therapist      | Claire M. Wyhuske      | M.S. University of Wisconsin 1975   | 6                            | 3                       |

**MERRIMAC SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**1985 FY BUDGET**  
**Voted 3-21-84**

|      |                                                | Appropriated<br>1984 | Approved<br>1985 |
|------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
|      | <b>1000 Series - Administration</b>            |                      |                  |
| 1100 | <b>School Committee</b>                        |                      |                  |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                        | \$ 4,400             | \$ 3,200         |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                       | 200                  | 200              |
|      | 116 Other Expenses                             | 2,230                | 2,380            |
| 1200 | <b>Superintendent's Office</b>                 |                      |                  |
|      | 111 Salaries, professional                     | 13,586               | 14,223           |
|      | 112 Salaries, Non-Professional                 | 12,752               | 13,517           |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                        | 208                  | 208              |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                       | 1,000                | 1,000            |
|      | 116 Other Expenses                             | 800                  | 800              |
|      | <b>2000 Series - Instruction</b>               |                      |                  |
| 2200 | <b>Principal's Office</b>                      |                      |                  |
|      | 111 Administrative Salaries                    | 50,530               | 56,211           |
|      | 112 Salaries, Non-Professional<br>(Sec./Cler.) | 18,724               | 19,847           |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                        | -0-                  | -0-              |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                       | 600                  | 600              |
|      | 116 Other Expenses                             | 900                  | 900              |
| 2300 | <b>Teaching</b>                                |                      |                  |
|      | 111 Salaries, Professional                     | 561,170              | 603,129          |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                        | 850                  | 1,250            |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                       | 8,800                | 8,500            |
|      | 116 Other Expenses                             | 200                  | 200              |
| 2400 | <b>Textbooks and Workbooks</b>                 |                      |                  |
|      | 115 a) Textbooks                               | 4,735                | 4,200            |
|      | b) Workbooks                                   | 10,350               | 11,000           |
| 2500 | <b>Library and Instructional<br/>Media</b>     |                      |                  |
|      | 113 Media Technician                           | 5,916                | 9,405            |
|      | 115 Library Supplies                           | 550                  | 600              |



|      |                                                           |        |        |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|      | 116 Other Expenses                                        | -0-    | 600    |
|      | 118 Library Books                                         | 1,800  | 1,800  |
| 2600 | 115 Audiovisual Supplies &<br>Materials                   | 565    | 565    |
| 3200 | <b>Health Services</b>                                    |        |        |
|      | 111 Salaries, Professional                                | 15,912 | 15,896 |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                                   | 1,100  | 1,100  |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                                  | 350    | 350    |
|      | 116 Other Expenses                                        | 100    | 100    |
| 3300 | <b>Transportation</b>                                     |        |        |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                                   | 53,740 | 53,096 |
|      | <b>4000 Series - Operation &amp; Maintenance of Plant</b> |        |        |
| 4110 | <b>Custodial Services</b>                                 |        |        |
|      | 113 Salaries, Non-Professional                            | 50,253 | 54,073 |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                                  | 5,475  | 5,475  |
|      | <b>Heat &amp; Utilities</b>                               |        |        |
| 4120 | 115 Heat of Buildings                                     | 48,000 | 45,000 |
| 4130 | 115 Utility Services                                      | 4,734  | 4,550  |
|      | 115 Rental Fee - Supt.'s Office                           | 1,035  | 1,035  |
| 4210 | <b>Maintenance of Grounds</b>                             |        |        |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                                   | 1,800  | 1,950  |
|      | 116 Other                                                 | 200    | 200    |
| 4220 | <b>Maintenance of Buildings</b>                           |        |        |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                                   | 19,400 | 19,800 |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                                  | 1,150  | 1,250  |
| 4230 | <b>Maintenance of Equipment</b>                           |        |        |
|      | 114 Contracted Services                                   | 3,730  | 3,950  |
|      | 115 Supplies & Materials                                  | 250    | 250    |
|      | <b>7000 Series - Acquisition of Fixed Assets</b>          |        |        |
|      | <b>Equipment - Acquisition &amp;<br/>Replacement</b>      |        |        |
| 7300 | 118 Acquisition of Equipment                              | 3,735  | 4,433  |
|      | 118 Replacement of Equipment                              | 1,195  | 480    |

**9000 Series - CH. 74**

|      |                                                       |           |           |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 9000 | <b>Programs with Other<br/>Districts - Vocational</b> |           |           |
|      | 114 Tuition                                           | 100       | 100       |
|      |                                                       | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|      |                                                       | \$911,575 | \$965,373 |

**Chapter 766**

|      |                                                  |             |                               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 2100 | <b>Supervision</b>                               |             |                               |
|      | 121 Salaries, Professional                       | 5,544       | 5,821                         |
|      | 122 Salaries, Non-Professional                   | 1,893       | 2,006                         |
|      | 125 Supplies & Materials                         | 500         | 500                           |
|      | 126 Other Expenses                               | 767         | 833                           |
| 2300 | <b>Instructional Services</b>                    |             |                               |
|      | 121 Salaries, Professional                       | 130,855     | 127,769                       |
|      | 122 Salaries, Non-Professional                   | 4,326       | 4,586                         |
|      | 124 Contracted Services<br>(Home Instruction)    | 500         | 500                           |
|      | 125 Supplies & Materials                         | 1,000       | 1,100                         |
|      | 126 Other Expenses                               | 500         | 500                           |
| 2400 | <b>Textbooks &amp; Workshops</b>                 | 750         | 1,200                         |
| 2800 | <b>Evaluation &amp; Assessment<br/>Services</b>  |             |                               |
|      | 121 Salaries, Professional                       | 200         | 200                           |
|      | 124 Contracted Services                          | 700         | 700                           |
| 3200 | <b>Health Services</b>                           | 350         | 250                           |
| 3300 | <b>Transportation</b>                            | 8,000       | 8,310                         |
| 7300 | <b>Acquisition of Equipment</b>                  | -0-         | -0-                           |
| 9100 | <b>Tuition to Other Mass.<br/>Public Schools</b> | 15,688      | 18,520                        |
| 9300 | <b>Tuition to Non-Public Schools</b>             | 14,138      | 15,300                        |
|      |                                                  | <hr/>       | <hr/>                         |
|      | Total Ch. 766                                    | \$185,711   | \$188,095                     |
|      | Total Regular                                    | 911,575     | 965,373                       |
|      |                                                  | <hr/>       | <hr/>                         |
|      | Total Budget                                     | \$1,097,286 | \$1,153,468                   |
|      |                                                  |             | (Prior to<br>Town<br>Meeting) |





**REPORT OF THE  
PENTUCKET  
REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
For The  
Year Ending December 31, 1983**

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its 29th annual report to each of the member towns.

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Address: 527 South Main Street, Bradford, Mass.

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Address: 107 East Main Street, Merrimac, Mass.

### **Working Certificates Issued By:**

Guidance Department, Pentucket Regional High School, West Newbury, Mass.

# PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Annual Report - Fiscal 1983

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

The Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits this report to you for the 1983 fiscal year. The School Committee believes that all youth have the right to educational opportunities of a quality and caliber which will develop their potential as individuals and as citizens in participatory democracy. The Committee feels that the communities desire the best possible education for our children within the fiscal capabilities of the taxpayers.

The time for reform seems to be upon us. In this past year, 18 studies were in progress on the schools throughout the country. Four major reports came out in April, May and June, calculated to set change in motion. What are these reports saying?; what is the impact in our community?; and how are we addressing the criticisms in our schools?

**A Nation at Risk: The Imperative For Educational Reform**, the report of Secretary of Education T. H. Bell's National Commission on Excellence in Education, cited some findings and made recommendations which encompass strengthening graduation requirements, adopting more rigorous standards, lengthening the school day and year, and raising teachers' pay.

**Academic Preparation For College: What Students Need To Know And Be Able To Do**, a proposal and an agenda of the College Board's Educational Equality Project, highlights subjects and skills students need to learn in school in order to do effective work in college. This report is concerned exclusively with the preparation of college-bound students and they believe that this academic preparation will be the mainstream of the future.

**Action For Excellence**, the report of the Task Force on Education for Economic Growth, organized by the Education Commission of the States and chaired by North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., says that "nothing matters more than education



-- nothing". The message of this report is that we must "link education to the economic well-being of our individual states and nation as a whole". It is the thesis of the report that our defense, prosperity, and social stability depends on improving education.

**Making The Grade**, the report of the 20th Century Fund Task Force on Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Policy, believes that equality of educational opportunity cannot be separated from educational quality. This report speaks to the federal role in education and sees government as a prodder and poker of local and state agencies and as a source of help for meeting the needs of the poor and handicapped.

The impact of these reports is far reaching. All call for reform in the face of radically changing conditions. Each stresses the need for change because of the nature and speed of technological development. They recognize academic achievement as the first purpose of schooling. They reflect the study and deliberations by qualified individuals. The challenges set forward are not only for educators but also for the parents, the students and the broader community.

In our school district, we are responding on a variety of issues.

The testing program is being reviewed

A Graduation Requirement Committee has been at work over the course of this year and reported the strengthening of requirements to the Committee in February

Programs in Computer Education have been approved and funds for their support were appropriated

New attendance policies have been developed

Science programs have been revised and up-to-date textbooks are in use

Teacher training in computers has been given a priority

Special training is provided for our Physics teacher

Programs for gifted students are under study

Work-study programs are being strengthened

Curriculum Review Committees were established

Health Education and Career Education are under study

Improvements have been made to our facilities and our athletic fields

The important key findings in all the reports are

“Education is an investment, not an expense”

“We cannot afford the cost of neglect” -- children born last year will graduate in 2001 and be part of our nation’s workforce until at least 2048

“More than at any other time in our history, our nation’s schools need to improve”

“Learning is the indispensable investment of the information age”

Education is basic to the survival of our free and democratic society”

We will continue to examine our schools’ effectiveness in light of these reports and in light of our community’s needs, and we solicit your contribution and support in our endeavors on behalf of your youth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pentucket Regional School Committee  
NORMAN CRANTON, Chairman  
PHILLIP CARLETTI, Vice-Chairman  
CAROL GRAZIO  
RICHARD SCIACCA  
BARBARA WARDEN  
VICTORIA HAGGSTROM  
CORA SAN CARTIER  
ARTHUR DiMAURO  
MARY HARADA

## CLASS OF 1983 GRADUATES — MERRIMAC

Mark Batchelder  
Darren L. Bentley  
Patrick C. Bourgelais, Jr.  
Derek Carlton Brown  
Kelly Sue Brown  
Cynthia Marie Caldwell  
Edward F. Casazza, Jr.  
Laurie A. Cossar  
Leslye Karen DeVeau  
William Robert Dow, Jr.  
Linda Carol Dupree  
Mark Edward Emery  
Arthur David Evans, Jr.  
Robert James Francis  
Jeffrey Lee Gilchrist  
Frederick James Gove  
Martha Charlotte Gulezian  
Marcia May Gynan  
Suzanne Elaine Hargraves  
Thomas Scott Hargraves  
Scott Harriman  
James Joseph Hart  
Daniel P. Healey, III  
Donald Michael Herbert  
Daniel K. Hogan  
Amy Lynne Howard  
Amelia Jewett  
Susan Jewett  
Michelle Roche Kamberalis

Lorna J. Kochakian  
Joseph Edward LaLumiere  
Rebecca LaLumiere  
Andrew P. LeBel  
Daniel O. Lloyd  
Francis X. mcInnis  
Kevin R. Meins  
Peter F. Mois  
Roxene Elisabeth Noble  
Nancy Ellen O'Brien  
Douglas A. Pearson  
Joanna Pierce  
Felicia Ann Raynes  
Sandra J. Richardson  
Bernard Russell, Jr.  
Vicki Ann Sahovey  
Carrie M. Samuelson  
Edward A. Sanborn  
Mark Sanborn  
Heidi Lynne Shaw  
Leslie MacDougall Shaw  
Scott Alan Sidel  
David Allan Smith  
Diana Louise Smith  
James Scott Smith  
Scott Richard Stepanian  
Judith Ann Stevens  
Richard Wallace  
Timothy Edward Wells



# **DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF FOR 1982 - 1983** **PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

| <b>Position</b>                  | <b>Name</b>           | <b>Training</b>                        | <b>Total Years<br/>at Pentucket</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Principal, High School           | Alexander S. Johnston | M.S. University of Mass. 1957          | 13                                  |
| Asst. Principal, High School     | Bertram D. Fecteau    | M.Ed. Boston University 1955           | 18                                  |
| Principal, Jr. High School       | Francis J. Ferreira   | M.Ed. Salem State College 1964         | 23                                  |
| Asst. Principal, Jr. High School | William H. Whiting    | M.Ed. Northeastern Univeristy 1961     | 23                                  |
| Coordinator of Guidance          | Frank J. Orlando      | M.Ed. Salem State College 1977         | 13                                  |
| Guidance                         | Kenneth B. Wood       | M.Ed. Salem State College 1964         | 21                                  |
| Guidance                         | Beryl Bagni           | B.S. University of Mass. 1948          | 14                                  |
| Guidance                         | John J. O'Wrill       | B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1963      | 16                                  |
| Guidance                         | Mary A. Cohen         | M.Ed., CAES, Boston College 1980       | Began 9/1/82                        |
| Guidance/Career Ed.              | Joy A. LeBlanc        | M.Ed. Northeastern University 1979     | 3                                   |
| Physical Education (Dept. Head)  | Marilyn L. Peacock    | B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1965      | 12                                  |
| Physical Education               | Jonathan Burns        | B.S. Springfield College 1977          | Began 9/1/82                        |
| Physical Education               | Laura J. Carley       | B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967    | 16                                  |
| Physical Education               | Nancy L. Hurld        | B.A. Lea College, Minnesota 1972       | 10                                  |
| Physical Education               | Stephen C. Hayden     | B.S. Plymouth State College 1977       | 3                                   |
| English (Dept. Head)             | Ronald L. Fenerty     | M.Ed. University of New Hampshire 1969 | 22                                  |
| English                          | Stephen J. Voltero    | M.A. Salem State College 1983          | 19                                  |
| English                          | Richard L. Canepa     | M.Ed. Salem State College 1967         | 19                                  |
| English                          | Mary K. Gafney        | B.S. Boston College 1963               | 12                                  |
| English                          | Jeffrey L. Hogan      | M.A. University of New Hampshire 1971  | 12                                  |
| English                          | Lawrence W. Faye      | B.A. Merrimack College 1970            | 11                                  |
| English                          | William B. Normand    | M.Ed. Salem State College 1966         | 13                                  |
| English                          | Albert E. Belanger    | M.A.T. Salem State College 1974        | 17                                  |
| English                          | Janice A. Fowler      | B.S. Northeastern University 1967      | 16                                  |

| Position                    | Name                 | Training                                                    | Total Years<br>At Pentucket |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| English                     | William J. Martin    | B.S. Northeastern University 1966                           | 17                          |
| English                     | Mary E. Parry        | B.S. Salem State College 1960                               | 13                          |
| English                     | Dorothy A. Rostosky  | B.S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963                           | 16                          |
| Reading                     | H. June Denault      | M.Ed. Salem State College 1975                              | 13                          |
| Reading                     | Kathleen Owens       | M.Ed. Salem State College 1978                              | 14                          |
| Reading                     | Marijane V. Natabie  | M.Ed. Salem State College 1973                              | 11                          |
| Reading                     | Catherine L. Dower   | B.A. Salem State College 1970                               | I/A 11/82                   |
| Reading                     | Marilyn R. Ricketts  | B.S. State College at Boston 1965                           | Began 3/1/83                |
| French/German (Dept. Head)  | John E. Durant       | A.B. St. Anslem's College 1963                              | 15                          |
| German                      | Jutta Muhlenbeck     | Fullbright Exchange Teacher from Germany<br>(Richard Olson) |                             |
| German                      | Inge M. Buerger      | M.A. University of New Hampshire 1970                       | I/A 1/83                    |
| German                      | Gary C. Shockey      | M.A. Middlebury College 1982                                | Began 1/83                  |
| French                      | Roger Roy            | B.A. Marist College 1964                                    | 18                          |
| Spanish                     | Hazel W. Owen        | A.B. Boston University 1941                                 | 20                          |
| Spanish                     | Mary E. Sullivan     | B.A. University of Maine 1973                               | 5                           |
| Bio. Science (Dept. Head)   | Melvin H. Pollack    | M.Ed. Boston University 1963                                | 25                          |
| Phys. Science               | Robert Knights       | M.Ed. Harvard University 1952                               | 25                          |
| Science                     | Joseph J. Derro, Jr. | M.Ed. Salem State College 1966                              | 25                          |
| Science                     | Dudley W. Baldwin    | M.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1972                   | 19                          |
| Science                     | Mildred E. Kelley    | M.Ed. U. Maine 1971/M.Ed. Salem State 1982                  | 13.5                        |
| Science                     | Robert E. Anton      | M.S. Boston College 1974                                    | 18                          |
| Science                     | Edward W. Monroe     | M.A. Salem State College 1977                               | 14                          |
| Science                     | Stephen H. Meline    | M.S. Boston College 1974                                    | 13                          |
| Science                     | Harold Hutchins      | M.A. Dartmouth College 1980                                 | 12.5                        |
| Science                     | Walter D. Clark      | B.S. Texas A & M University 1964                            | 13                          |
| Social Studies (Dept. Head) | Joseph Sherry        | M.Ed. Salem State College 1967                              | 20                          |
| Social Studies              | Herman T. Diehl, Jr. | B.S. University of Maine 1961                               | 15                          |

|                              |                           |                                           |               |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Social Studies               | Marilyn Hershfield        | M.S. Boston University 1946               | 16            |
| Social Studies               | Carolee Miller            | M.Ed. Salem State College 1983            | 5             |
| Social Studies               | Minas Dakos               | M.Ed. Salem State College 1969            | 20            |
| Social Studies               | Robert P. Ruszkowski      | B.S. Salem State College 1965             | 18            |
| Social Studies               | David G. Buckley          | B.A. Gordon College 1963                  | 17            |
| Social Studies               | George P. Michaelias      | B.S. Salem State College 1966             | 16            |
| Social Studies               | David E. Morse            | B.S. Springfield College 1968             | 15            |
| Social Studies               | Wayne C. Sylvester        | M.S. University of Wisconsin 1971         | 12            |
| Social Studies               | David A. Pasiuk           | A.B. University of Michigan 1979          | Began 9/1/82  |
| Mathematics (Dept. Head)     | Arnold G. Zins            | B.A. Amherst College 1954                 | 24            |
| Mathematics                  | Nancy A. Allison          | M.S. Clarkson College 1973                | 15            |
| Mathematics                  | Dana B. Allison           | B.A. Salem State College 1970             | 12            |
| Mathematics                  | Nelda I. Denihan          | B.S. Salem State College 1970             | 13            |
| Mathematics                  | Virginia E. Cook          | B.S. M.I.T. 1974                          | Began 9/1/82  |
| Mathematics                  | Alan L. Mason             | M.S. Lowell University 1979               | 16            |
| Mathematics                  | Raymond L. MacNeil        | M.Ed. Salem State College 1967            | 21            |
| Mathematics                  | David H. Bickum           | M.Ed. Western Conn. State College 1969    | 14            |
| Mathematics                  | Janice M. Hegan           | M.M.T. University of Lowell 1978          | 13            |
| Mathematics                  | Dianne P. Shaheen         | M.M.T. University of Lowell 1978          | 11            |
| Business (Dept. Head)        | Harriet L. Mannion        | M.Ed. University of Maine 1973            | 5             |
| Business                     | Donna M. Lynch            | B.S. Salem State College 1969             | 12            |
| Business                     | Virginia Cronin           | B.S. Salem State College 1977             | 2             |
| Business                     | Clare Crist               | B.S. Salem State College 1978             | 5             |
| Business                     | Brian Brasseur            | B.S. Salem State College 1979             | Resigned 2/83 |
| Business                     | Vernon J. Laws            | B.S. Colorado State University 1970       | Began 3/83    |
| Industrial Arts (Dept. Head) | Donald Pinciario          | M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1974        | 19            |
| Industrial Arts              | Thomas R. Pelletier       | B.S. University of So. Maine 1976         | 3             |
| Industrial Arts              | John P. Faucher           | B.S. Fitchburg State College 1976         | 3             |
| Industrial Arts              | Lawrence W. Cochrane, Jr. | B.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1960 | 9             |
| Home Economics (Dept. Head)  | Gail T. Snell             | B.S. University of Maine 1960             | 9             |
| Home Economics               | Julia M. Martines         | B.S. Framingham State College 1975        | 8             |
| Home Economics               | Susan M. Campbell         | B.S. Univeristy of Mass., Amherst 1979    | Began 9/1/82  |
| Home Economics               | Laura Mirandi             | B.S. Framingham State College 1981        | 2             |



| Position                       | Name                     | Training                                 | Total Years<br>At Pentucket |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Music & Band (Dept. Head)      | Robert W. Howard         | B.S. Lowell State College 1962           | 17                          |
| Music - Vocal                  | Francesco T. Esile       | M.M. Ed. Lowell State College 1970       | 20                          |
| Music - Instrumental           | Richard H. Weeks         | M.M. University of Rochester, N.Y. 1976  | 2                           |
| Art (Dept. Head)               | Peter J. Bodge           | B.A. University of New Hampshire 1960    | 10                          |
| Art                            | Christopher D. Lima, Jr. | B.F.A. University of Massachusetts 1974  | 2                           |
| Art                            | Ellen M. Burke           | B.S. State University of N.Y., New Paltz | 2                           |
| Librarian - Senior High School | Ruth N. Parker           | A.B. Coker College 1942                  | 25                          |
| Librarian - Junior High School | Sheila M. Callahan       | B.A. Lowell State College 1971           | 11                          |
| Adjustment Counselor           | Mary Jo Reynolds         | M.Ed. Salem State College 1976           | 2                           |
| Teacher of Special Needs       | Irene J. Thurlow         | M.Ed. Boston State College 1977          | Began 9/1/82                |
| Teacher of Special Needs       | Mary E. Kroesser         | M.Ed. Salem State College 1983           | 1/A 3/83                    |
| Teacher of Special Needs       | Cheryl A. Poulin         | B.S. Westfield State College 1982        | Began 3/83                  |
| Teacher of Special Needs       | Laurie J. Dunnet         | B.A. Boston College 1977                 | 2                           |
| Teacher of Special Needs       | Barbara A. Markt         | B.A. University of Massachusetts 1977    | 3                           |
| Speech Therapist               | Mary Lou Peterson        | B.S. University of New Hampshire 1979    | 2                           |
| District Psychologist          | Carol Vatz               | C.A.G.S. Boston University 1974          | 3                           |
| OASSIS                         | Raymond Stickney         | B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1964        | 19                          |
| OASSIS                         | Constance L. Fall        | B.S. Salem State College 1968            | Began 9/1/82                |

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Reconciliation of Cash**

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Cash Balance - July 1, 1982 | \$ 993,501.77 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|

**Receipts**

|                                     |                   |                        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Assessments to Towns                | \$ 1,957,038.00   |                        |
| State Reimbursements                | 1,466,019.75      |                        |
| Federal Grants                      | 119,304.00        |                        |
| School Lunch Program                | 170,143.91        |                        |
| Athletic Revolving Account          | 25,367.10         |                        |
| Lost Book Revolving Account         | 1,142.46          |                        |
| Industrial Arts Revolving Account   | 1,949.80          |                        |
| Miscellaneous Receipts              | 42,786.22         |                        |
| Reserve for Summer Payroll          | 93,591.45         |                        |
| Renovation Bond<br>(Roof/Gym Floor) | <u>420,000.00</u> |                        |
|                                     |                   | 4,297,342.69           |
|                                     |                   | <u>\$ 5,290,844.46</u> |

**Expenditures**

|                                   |                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Maintenance and Operations        | \$ 3,510,070.38   |                      |
| Federal Grants                    | 104,597.31        |                      |
| School Lunch Program              | 171,254.35        |                      |
| Athletic Revolving Account        | 17,684.88         |                      |
| Industrial Arts Revolving Account | 607.86            |                      |
| Reserve for Encumbrances          | 79,102.42         |                      |
| Reserve for Summer Payroll        | 317,455.68        |                      |
| E & D Expenditures                | 37,472.33         |                      |
| Reserve for Air Filtration        | 12,858.80         |                      |
| Renovation Expenditures           | <u>415,290.55</u> |                      |
|                                   |                   | \$ 4,666,394.56      |
|                                   |                   | <u>\$ 624,449.90</u> |

**Receipts**

|                       |                   |                |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Assessments to Towns: |                   |                |
| Groveland             | \$ 828,827.00     |                |
| Merrimac              | 620,831.00        |                |
| West Newbury          | <u>507,380.00</u> |                |
|                       |                   | \$1,957,038.00 |

|                                             |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Reimbursements:                       |                   |                   |
| Regional School Aid, Ch. 71                 | 659,946.00        |                   |
| Regional School Aid, Ch. 70                 | 612,686.00        |                   |
| School Construction, Ch. 645                | 69,468.75         |                   |
| Regular Transportation, Ch. 71              | 119,468.00        |                   |
| Special Education<br>Transportation, Ch. 71 | <u>3,978.00</u>   |                   |
|                                             |                   | 1,466,019.75      |
| Federal Grants:                             |                   |                   |
| P.L. 97-35 Block Grant                      | 13,623.00         |                   |
| P.L. 95-207 Career Education                | 11,586.00         |                   |
| P.L. 89-10 Chapter I ECIA                   | 55,060.00         |                   |
| P.L. 94-142 Child Serve                     | 27,675.00         |                   |
| P.L. 94-482 Vocational Support              | 9,571.00          |                   |
| Staff Evaluation                            | <u>1,789.00</u>   |                   |
|                                             |                   | 119,304.00        |
| School Lunch Program:                       |                   |                   |
| State & Federal<br>Reimbursements           | 26,438.96         |                   |
| Sales                                       | <u>143,704.95</u> |                   |
|                                             |                   | \$ 170,143.91     |
| Athletic Revolving Account:                 |                   |                   |
| Game Receipts                               | 13,322.10         |                   |
| Appropriation                               | 4,000.00          |                   |
| User Fees                                   | <u>8,045.00</u>   |                   |
|                                             |                   | 25,367.10         |
| Lost Book Revolving Account                 |                   | 1,142.46          |
| Industrial Arts Revolving Account           |                   | 1,949.80          |
| Miscellaneous Receipts:                     |                   |                   |
| Interest Income                             | 24,161.65         |                   |
| Refunds                                     | 15,934.46         |                   |
| Miscellaneous                               | 2,690.11          | 42,786.22         |
| Reserve for Summer Payroll                  |                   | 93,591.45         |
| Renovation Bond                             |                   | <u>420,000.00</u> |
| Total Receipts                              |                   |                   |
| Year Ending June 30, 1983                   |                   | \$ 4,297,342.69   |



## Expenditures

### Maintenance and Operations:

#### Instructional Services -

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Regular Education | 1,750,822.22     |
| Special Education | 174,015.44       |
| OASSIS Program    | <u>37,195.25</u> |

\$ 1,962,032.91

#### Support Services -

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Administration     | 320,650.41    |
| Guidance           | 135,609.94    |
| Health Services    | 15,511.68     |
| Library Services   | 77,651.78     |
| Student Activities | 4,415.21      |
| Athletic Programs  | 71,388.79     |
| Transportation     | 195,082.82    |
| Building & Grounds | 402,372.82    |
| Attendance         | <u>675.00</u> |

1,223,358.45

#### Non-Program Services -

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Debt Retirement     | 105,000.00        |
| Debt Service        | 19,688.17         |
| Employee Retirement | 51,133.27         |
| Insurance           | <u>148,877.58</u> |

324,679.02

### Federal Grants:

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| P.L. 97-35 Block Grant         | 9,517.63        |
| P.L. 95-207 Career Education   | 10,340.93       |
| P.L. 89-10 Chapter I ECIA      | 50,678.82       |
| P.L. 94-142 Child Serve        | 22,699.93       |
| P.L. 94-482 Vocational Support | 9,571.00        |
| Staff Evaluation               | <u>1,789.00</u> |

104,597.31

### School Lunch Program

171,254.35

### Athletic Revolving Account

17,684.88

### Industrial Arts Revolving Account

607.86

### Reserve for Encumbrances

79,102.42

### Reserve for Summer Payroll

317,455.68

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| E & D Expenditures         | 37,472.33         |
| Reserve for Air Filtration | 12,858.80         |
| Renovation Expenditures    | <u>415,290.55</u> |
| Total Expenditures         |                   |
| Year Ending June 30, 1983  | \$ 4,666,394.56   |

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30, 1983

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:

|      |    |                          |
|------|----|--------------------------|
| Cash | \$ | <u><u>624,499.90</u></u> |
|------|----|--------------------------|

LIABILITIES:

|                                   |    |                    |                          |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Federal Grants                    | \$ | 15,764.69          |                          |
| School Lunch Program              |    | 9,630.40           |                          |
| Athletic Revolving Account        |    | 7,681.22           |                          |
| Lost Book Revolving Account       |    | 1,943.65           |                          |
| Industrial Arts Revolving Account |    | 3,01.34            |                          |
| P.L. 874                          |    | 61,425.91          |                          |
| Reserve for Summer Payroll        |    | 93,591.45          |                          |
| Excess & Deficiency               |    | <u>4321,411.24</u> |                          |
|                                   | \$ |                    | <u><u>624,449.90</u></u> |

DEBT ACCOUNTS

|                          |    |                          |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT | \$ | <u><u>770,000.00</u></u> |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

LOANS:

|                   |    |                   |                          |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|--------------------------|
| December 15, 1965 | \$ | 150,000.00        |                          |
| December 15, 1966 |    | 200,000.00        |                          |
| January 18, 1983  |    | <u>420,000.00</u> |                          |
|                   | \$ |                   | <u><u>770,000.00</u></u> |

RONALD G. RAY,

Interim Treasurer

**PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1984 FY PROGRAM BUDGET**

|                               | Appropriated<br>1983 | Appropriated<br>1984 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b> |                      |                      |
| Art                           | \$ 68,121            | \$ 72,913            |
| Business Education            | 94,681               | 106,523              |
| English                       | 265,621              | 299,447              |
| Foreign Language              | 150,943              | 162,597              |
| Home Economics                | 78,066               | 87,642               |
| Industrial Arts               | 121,305              | 142,312              |
| Mathematics                   | 205,793              | 238,419              |
| Music                         | 71,735               | 78,608               |
| Physical Education            | 105,876              | 110,978              |
| Reading                       | 78,816               | 106,176              |
| Science                       | 260,899              | 301,756              |
| Social Studies                | 216,859              | 217,910              |
| Special Needs                 | 191,762              | 198,065              |
| Instructional (Non-Program)   | 24,000               | 59,000               |
| OASSIS                        | 42,400               | 43,750               |
| E & D Appropriation           | -0-                  | 88,000               |
|                               | \$ 1,976,877         | \$ 2,314,096         |

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

|                             |            |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Administrative Services -   |            |            |
| Principal's Office          | \$ 210,808 | \$ 191,723 |
| Administrative Services -   |            |            |
| School Committee            | 17,873     | 2,573      |
| Administrative Services -   |            |            |
| Supt.'s Office              | 79,925     | 91,441     |
| Attendance                  | 675        | 675        |
| Guidance Services           | 138,744    | 146,592    |
| Health Services             | 15,258     | 26,505     |
| Interscholastic Athletics   | 70,000     | 89,305     |
| Library Services            | 79,545     | 89,156     |
| Maintenance and Operation - |            |            |
| Custodial                   | 125,202    | 134,867    |
| Maintenance and Operation - |            |            |
| Building                    | 48,328     | 73,832     |



|                                          |              |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operation -<br>Grounds   | 19,295       | 13,450       |
| Maintenance and Operation -<br>Utilities | 241,050      | 213,000      |
| Student Activities                       | 5,109        | 5,801        |
| Transportation Services                  | 189,977      | 208,351      |
| Total Support Services                   | \$ 1,241,789 | \$ 1,307,271 |

### NON-PROGRAM SERVICES

|                                                 |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Debt Retirement - Bonds                         | \$ 105,000 | \$ 147,000 |
| Debt Service - Bonds                            | 50,698     | 35,141     |
| Fixed Charges - Debt Service<br>(Current Loans) | 2,000      | -0-        |
| Fixed Charges - Employment<br>Retirement        | 53,259     | 48,220     |
| Fixed Charges - Insurance                       | 127,135    | 136,351    |
| Total Non-Program Services                      | \$ 338,092 | \$ 367,351 |

### SUMMARY

|                        |              |              |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Instructional Services | \$ 1,976,877 | \$ 2,314,096 |
| Support Services       | 1,241,789    | 1,307,271    |
| Non-Program Services   | 338,092      | 367,351      |
| Total budget Request   | \$ 3,556,758 | \$ 3,988,718 |

## COST DISTRIBUTION

Student Enrollment by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment:

|              | Oct. 1, 1982 | 1982<br>% of Total | 1983<br>% of Total | 1984<br>% of Total |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Groveland    | 505          | 44.0217            | 42.3511            | 42,0133            |
| Merrimac     | 386          | 30,7453            | 31,7230            | 32,1132            |
| West Newbury | 311          | 25.2330            | 25.9529            | 25.8735            |
|              | <u>1,202</u> | <u>100.0000%</u>   | <u>100.0000%</u>   | <u>100.0000%</u>   |

|                          |       |                  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Budget Requests for 1984 | ..... | \$3,988,718      |
| Less: All Categories     | ..... | <u>1,980,197</u> |
| Total to be Raised.....  |       | \$2,008,521      |

Assessments to Towns, based on Agreement:

|                      | 1982               | 1983               | 1984               |       |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Groveland's Share    | \$ 810,974         | \$ 828,827         | \$ 843,846         | +1.8% |
| Merrimac's Share     | 566,394            | 620,831            | 645,000            | +3.9% |
| West Newbury's Share | <u>464,846</u>     | <u>507,380</u>     | <u>519,675</u>     | +2.4% |
|                      | <u>\$1,842,214</u> | <u>\$1,957,038</u> | <u>\$2,008,521</u> |       |

# SCHOOL UNION NO. 53

## APPROVED SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 1983 - 1984

|            |       |                                                              |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| *September | 6     | Teacher Orientation                                          |
|            | 7     | School Opens                                                 |
| *October   | 3     | Schools Closed (Staff Development)                           |
|            | 10    | Columbus Day - Schools Closed                                |
| November   | 11    | Veterans' Day - Schools Closed                               |
| *          | 18    | Schools Closed (Parent Conferences)                          |
|            | 23    | Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools closed<br>at noon             |
| December   | 23-   |                                                              |
| January    | 2     | Christmas Holiday - Schools closed at noon                   |
|            | 16    | Martin Luther King Day - Schools Closed                      |
| February   | 20-24 | Winter Vacation - Washington's Birthday                      |
| *March     | 16    | Schools Closed (Staff Development)                           |
| April      | 16-20 | Schools Closed - Patriots' Day,<br>Spring Break, Good Friday |
| May        | 28    | Memorial Day - Schools Closed                                |
| June       | 25    | Last Day of School                                           |

Calendar includes 180 instructional days

In-Service ½ Days: Sept. 20, Dec. 7, April 6, May 15

First Grades attend ½ day September 7, 8, 9.

Full day begins September 12

Kindergarten Sessions begin September 12

Marking Periods Close November 10, January 27, April 6

\*184 Teacher Days



PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROGRAM BUDGET 1984 - 1985

SUMMARY

|                        | 1983-1984   |             | 1984-1985   |             |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        | Salaries    | Other       | Salaries    | Other       |
| Instructional Services | \$1,957,017 | \$ 357,079  | \$2,029,895 | \$ 273,941  |
| Support Services       | 666,655     | 640,616     | 746,222     | 625,714     |
| Non-Program Services   | ----        | 367,351     | ----        | 451,564     |
| Total Budget Request   | \$2,623,672 | \$1,365,046 | \$2,776,117 | \$1,351,219 |
|                        |             |             |             | \$4,127,336 |

COST DISTRIBUTION

Student Enrollments by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment:

|              | October<br>1, 1983 | 1983<br>% of Total | 1984<br>% of Total | 1985<br>% of Total |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Groveland    | 492                | 42.3511%           | 42.0133%           | 41.7303%           |
| Merrimac     | 367                | 31.7230%           | 32.1132%           | 31.1281%           |
| West Newbury | 320                | 25.9259%           | 25.8735%           | 27.1416%           |
|              | 1,179              | 100.0000%          | 100.0000%          | 100.0000%          |

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Request For 1985 ..... | \$4,127,336        |
| Less: All Categories .....    | 2,027,466          |
| Total To Be Raised .....      | <u>\$2,099,870</u> |

Assessments To Towns, Based On Agreement:

|                      | 1983               | 1984               | 1985               |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Groveland's Share    | \$ 828,827         | \$ 843,846         | \$ 876,282         |
| Merrimac's Share     | 620,831            | 645,000            | 635,650            |
| West Newbury's Share | 507,380            | 519,675            | 569,938            |
|                      | <u>\$1,957,038</u> | <u>\$2,008,521</u> | <u>\$2,099,870</u> |

**WARRANT  
for the  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

ESSEX, ss.

To Brian Peavey, one of the Constables, of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on May 7, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the court judgement of Edgemont sewer easement; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for additional benefits for Fiscal year 1984 Municipal contract; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay interest on Tax Anticipation Notes; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay for electricity in Town Buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay for Water in Town Buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for a Snow & Washout Emergency; or take any other action relative thereto.



Given under our hands this ninth day of April 1984.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR, Chairman  
GEORGE P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE

A true copy attest:

Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to be directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for purpose therein expressed.

Posted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1984 in the following three places:

Marcia's Market  
Cozy Cleaners  
Town Hall

**WARRANT  
for the  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

ESSEX, ss

To Brian Peavey, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on May 7, 1984 immediately following the Special Town Meeting in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108 as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, Three Sewer Commissioners, and raise, appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised or transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the Fiscal year Commencing July 1, 1984 and make appropriations for the same, said sums of money so raised, appropriated or transferred to be expended for specific purposes to be voted; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Electric Light Operating Balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement, and Embellishment" of said Cemeteries, according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 14 and Section 25; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer dog license fees collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1984, to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 172; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760 Acts of 1960, "An Act Providing State Aid for Free Public Libraries"; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to perform duties and incur expenses relating to any equalization or revaluation of the Town; to authorize the Board of Assessors to hire themselves at the rate of \$5.00 per hour and to hire such other necessary assistance as the Board of Assessors may deem necessary or convenient; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Assessors to hire a professional firm to revalue real estate in the Town of Merrimac; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Charter Commissioner's expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for computer costs for processing excise tax bills and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.



ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for computer costs for computer costs for processing payroll and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of audit examination for the fiscal periods July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new pick-up truck for the Cemetery Trustees and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the old pick-up truck towards the cost of the new pick-up truck and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a light bar for the police cruiser and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary land fill for fiscal year 1985; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay Haley & Ward Engineering Company for services of supervision and inspection of sanitary landfill for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting dated November 1, 1983 pertaining to the replacement of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow the balance of Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting dated June 7, 1983 pertaining to the replacement of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for final engineering costs and for upgrading and increasing the efficiency of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for a computer company to automate the motor vehicle moving violations; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Municipal Census Supervisor to conduct the State Census; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the replacement of the top section of the Helen R. Donaghue School Roof and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for payment of State House Notes and Interest on the notes for engineering costs and replacement of the heating system at the Helen R. Donaghue School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for interest on Temporary borrowing for the sewerage project for fiscal year 1985; or take any other action relative thereto.



ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to auction for sale until the 1985 Annual Town Meeting, at their descretion certain parcels of land owned by the Town at a price to be established by the Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Law as described below from Commercial to Light Industrial; or take any other action relative thereto:

The land in Merrimac off West Main Street described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by the existing commercial zone, 700 feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of Gerard R. and Carol M. Picard, 402.90 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by land of said Picard, 315.4 feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of Patrick J. and Eileen Joyce, 910 feet;  
NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Kevin King, 645 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by land of said King, 660 feet;  
NORTHWESTERLY by land of said King, 260 feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of Patsy and Ann Lord Paley, 937.2 feet.

SOUTHERLY by land of said Paley, 442 feet;  
WESTERLY by land of said Paley, 51.15 feet;  
NORTHEASTERLY by land of John K. and Pauline E. Perrault, 395 feet;  
NORTHERLY by land of said Perrault, 50 feet;  
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of said Perrault, 50 feet;  
SOUTHERLY by land of said Perrault, 40 feet;  
NORTHEASTERLY by land of Ronald R. and Diane C. Jordan and by land of Hector J. and Carol Grazio, 1385 feet;  
SOUTHEASTERLY by lands of Frank Sowick, Town of Merrimac Richard A. Camntonio, Jr., said Sowick and Clifford N. and Dorothy Miller, 500 feet;  
NORTHEASTERLY on two courses by lands of said Miller and Town of Merrimac, 410 feet and by lands of Dennis W. and Betty G. Smith, Diane M. Wilson and Carl Spaulding and Denise Dow; and Kenneth and Barbara Langlois, 680 feet;  
NORTHERLY by land of said Langlois, 248 feet; and



NORTHEASTERLY by lands of Kenneth and Mary Eaton, Margaret J. Dakers; Forrest R. and Mildred Warner and Janet E. Blatchford, 363 feet

Said premises are shown as a portion of Lot 1, Map 64 and 57 of Assessor's maps.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to pay some of the costs of a Senior Center Newsletter; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen take no action on the signing of the Seabrook Emergency Response Plan without prior Town Meeting approval; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1984; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to retain \$\_\_\_\_\_ of "FREE CASH" certified July 1, 1983 under the provisions of Section 12 (a) of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to expand the Pentucket Regional School District to K through 12 and to accept the amendments to the agreement dated establishing the District as outlined in the report of the West Newbury School Committee on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Given under our hands this ninth day of April 1984.

NANCY C. MacGREGOR, Chairman  
GEORGE P. STEVENS  
GEORGE A. WATERHOUSE

A true copy attest:

Brian W. Peavey  
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for purpose therein expressed.

Posted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 1984 in the following three places:

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Cozy Cleaners  
Town Hall

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OFFICE OF  
TOWN CLERK  
MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS, 01860

June 8, 1983

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 7, 1983

COPY OF ARTICLE IN WARRANT

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept 527 CMR 24.00, concerning automatic smoke and heat detectors in occupancies under M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26C which states:

In any city or town which accepts this section: Apartment houses containing six or more dwelling units, hotels, boarding or lodging houses, or family hotels which are not regulated by Ss 26A and 26B shall be equipped with an automatic smoke or heat detector in each dwelling unit and each hallway floor.

or take any other action relative thereto.

COPY OF VOTE

Article 27. The Town voted to accept 527 CMR 24.00, concerning automatic smoke and heat detectors in occupancies under M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 26C which states:

In any city or town which accepts this section: Apartment houses containing six or more dwelling units, hotels, boarding or lodging houses, or family hotels which are not regulated by Ss 26A and 26B shall be equipped with an automatic smoke or heat detector in each dwelling unit and each hallway floor.

A true copy.

Attest: *Madeline Gifford*  
Town Clerk







